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Fifth Street, Looking West



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Twenty-Fifth Avenue, Looking North

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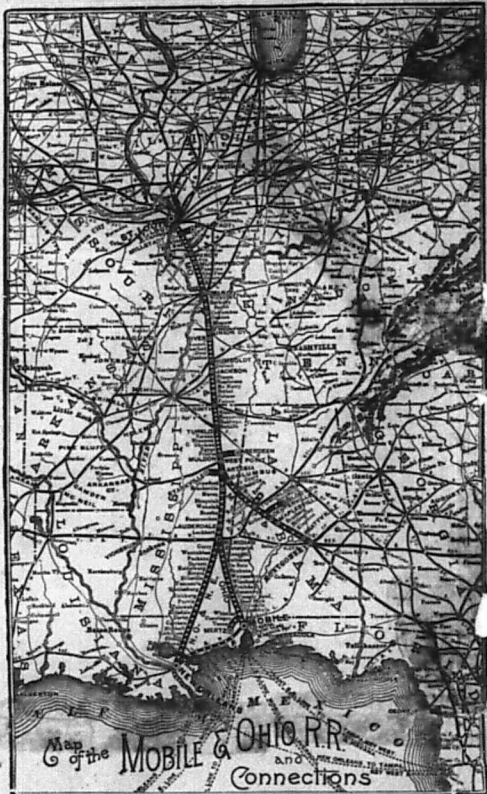


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INTRODUCTION

A black and white photograph of a large, multi-story church building. The church features a prominent steeple with a cross on top. The building has multiple levels of windows and a complex roofline. In the foreground, there are dark silhouettes of trees and a fence. The overall image has a grainy, historical quality.

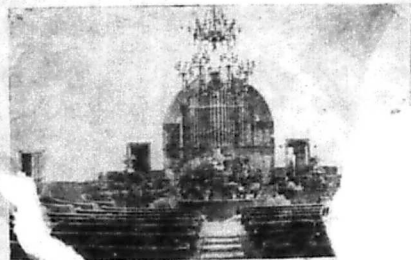
St. Patrick's Catholic Church

acquired, enjoyed by the people of the eastern portion of the State of Mississippi, and particularly of that part composing Lauderdale county, and of its capital city, Meridian.

Devoted citizens have sung its praises with commendable earnestness and patriotic zeal at home and abroad, and others, who, after lingering awhile, were struck with the steady development and substantial progressiveness of its people, have contributed voluntary encomiums upon the reading of which one finds himself unconsciously associating the real, as it exists here, with fabulous tales of the undiminished resources accredited mythical lands of fairy fancy.

But to whatever height the earnest citizen or ecstatic writer may have soared in his enthusiastic efforts to justly and fittingly picture the almost unparalleled natural resources of the county and the facile advantages the city has acquired within the short period of time that has elapsed since its industrial infancy, it can be said, though admittedly with apparent reasonableness, that not once has it been drawn by so fit an imagination.

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Interior First Baptist Church

The cities of New Orleans and Mobile, Ala., are distant, and the

The capital city of the State is less than 100 miles west and is reached directly over a trunk Birmingham, Alabama's metropol about the same distance to the east as Mobile is to the south. Like the other cities named, it is reached directly by a trunk line road.

Lauderdale county's area about 420,000 acres. Assessor's land roll 121,000 acres cleared. tion of \$753,580, ac cleared, showed be a total valuation number of acres 1889 was 397,000, against 396,028 ac

From the above we can draw the conclusion that reliable data on land roll is difficult to obtain, and it is possible to now give exact figures as to the relative number of acres of cleared and unopened land. The following tables place the number of acres remaining uncleared above 500,000. This land generally is easily accessible and could readily be transferred to a state of cultivation, and in this way, could be made available through the sale of the land to be removed from this source to repay the cost of the removal, and furnish means for the payment of necessary improvements upon the land.

There are mills and factories that would handle the timber generously to both themselves and settlers. The portion of the timber could not be worked up by the mill and would be converted into fuel for the consumption of which there is ample demand.

The roads are already far above the average country roads and are being constantly improved, so that there is no difficulty in removing the timber in whatever form from the lands to which it can be disposed of to the best advantage.

Historical

lauderdale is one of the counties of the State; that is, it is not made up from portions of other counties. It was formed out of the States territory. In shape the county is square, with the exception of the south eastern corner, from which the Alabama State line dips a small amount of territory.

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With this brief introduction and statement of purpose, the reader with the facts in hand and conjure a careful consideration of the various inducements offered by this county and city to the man of moderate means as well as to the investing capitalist.

Lauderdale county is situated in the extreme eastern part of the State of Mississippi, with the Gulf coast and the northern boundary of the State about equi-distant. The eastern boundary of the county is formed by a portion of the Alabama State line and the county are bound-

Marks, Rothenberg & Co. find it necessary for one of their number to remain in the markets every day in the year. Realizing this necessity, the firm has an office in New York, where one of the members of the firm always remains to keep in closer touch with manufacturers and traders. The house is thus enabled to secure many things in the way of special bargain lots of goods that would otherwise be lost to the people of this store's territory.



I. Armer

tionally canvassing the wholesale trade and successfully meeting competition from every point of the compass. They are the largest importer in the South, and are constantly in touch with foreign manufacturers as well as domestic.

The firm exhibits an aggressive progressiveness peculiar to themselves, and are liberal, always ready to encourage every undertaking that looks to the future development of their city. They reflect all the elements of good citizenship, and truly do they have the confidence of the people throughout Mississippi and adjoining States, where they are well known for their honest and straightforward manner of dealing with their customers.

Some extensive and important additions and improvements have been made to this store during the past few months. Prior to this, however, the arrangement of the stock and interior store was perfect, and the additions were only made necessary by lack of room for the accommodation of an enlarged stock of goods to meet the requirements of a constantly increasing trade. They went to an enormous expense in remodeling their building in order to provide suitable quarters for an exclusive tailoring and clothing department, and to improve the appearance of the Fifth street front. In this clothing department is carried the largest and best stock of ready-made in the State, and in addition they carry their line of cloths for sale in most complete. Expert and experienced tailors are employed in the fitting department. It is here that the elite can go for the most fashionable and highest grade suits, and be satisfied in every sense of the word.

No matter what a man may want in the way of clothing or furnishing goods, he can get it in this clothing department. There are clothes adapted to the tastes of any possible customer, and each suit is sold with a special view to please the customer in every detail.



W. E. Jones

Marks, Rothenberg & Co. also have a carpet department, and they are not afraid of any competition in this line. They know they have a line that cannot be duplicated by any concern, and the prices they put on these goods make them a source of cheapness. Any thing pertaining to carpets can be found in this department.

ARMER

Mr. Armer is a member of the board of directors of the city of Meridian.

thorough knowledge of the needs and wants of the trade.

Previous to his acceptance of the position he now holds, Mr. Armer was the leading clothier and furnisher of Jackson, Miss. His experience in handling clothing is varied and extensive, and he understands in a most thorough manner how to please the people of this part of the country. Mr. Armer is perhaps the most competent manager of clothing houses in the State and possibly in the South, and the trade at this store has increased in proportion to the improvements he has made.

The goods handled in this department are of the very highest grades of their respective classes, and the prices put upon them by Mr. Armer insures their quick removal, and he is thus enabled to keep a new and up-to-date stock of the latest goods all the time. The advantage of this can be readily seen, when it is known that a dissatisfied customer is a rarity, no matter how fastidious his taste may be.

In addition to this exclusive clothing department, Mr. Armer presides over a tailoring department that is run in connection with the clothing. Here only the best workmen are employed, and it is positively no trouble to get a neat fit and extraordinary good values.

MR. W. E. JONES.

Mr. W. E. Jones is one of Meridian's progressive young men who has been

confidence and esteem of his employers and of all who know him. Society recognizes in him a member of much value, and there is no one more popular in all social circles than he. He is respected and admired by people of all walks of life, and is known to be a friend of every one who is worthy the friendship of a gentleman.

In 1895, Mr. Jones was happily married to Miss Sarah Whitfield, of this city, who embodies all that is pure and noble in woman, she being a daughter of Dr. R. H. Whitfield, particularly reference to whom is found in another place in this publication.

In his business life Mr. Jones is all that anyone need hope to find in humankind. His integrity is unquestioned and his qualifications are well known. If such were not the case, he could not give the perfect satisfaction he does give in the high position of trust that he holds. His judgment is flawless, and his devoted attention to duty is plainly apparent.

MR. MARX BAUM.

Mr. Marx Baum was born and raised in Meridian and has kept himself thoroughly abreast with the progressive movement of the town. He is 30 years of age, the son of Mr. Joseph Baum, and is one of the most accomplished business men in the State.

He was for several years the Junior member of the large wholesale and retail mercantile firm of Joseph Baum &

tions, gentleman, and being that he is also a thoroughly reliable salesman, one whose word is a guarantee of the quality of the goods he is offering.

In the dry goods department of Marks, Rothenberg & Co., he is enabled to treat his friends as is his desire, for the stock is so large and of such variety that he has no difficulty in giving perfect satisfaction to all with whom he deals.

MR. GEORGE W. MUNROE.

Mr. George W. Munroe is a native of the State of Maryland, where he lived until he reached the age of 33 years. While living in Maryland Mr. Munroe was associated with his father in the conduct of large department stores for about fifteen years. He went from his native State to Pennsylvania, where he became connected with the Collingwood Mills, remaining with them in Philadelphia for about four years. He was then given a position traveling in the interest of the same concern. While holding this position, the firm of Marks, Rothenberg & Co. became acquainted with his great ability and recognized in him a good man for a position in their large stores. Accordingly he was offered the place of general floor superintendent by the firm about two years ago. He accepted the position and removed his family to Meridian. He has since built an elegant home in one of the best parts of the city and is looked upon by all as a substantial and valuable citizen.

acquaintance, and is quite popular in society. He has been honored time and again by having been made master of ceremonies at banquets, gatherings of organized society, etc.

The instance, however, when he was brought most prominently before the public was his selection as master of ceremonies at the celebration on the Fourth of July, 1896. He was selected on account of his peculiar fitness to preside on such occasions, the great interest he took in the arrangements for



G. W. Munroe

the festivities and for his great personal popularity. This was the grandest celebration of the nation's birthday ever seen in a city of the size of Meridian, and Mr. Munroe presided over the whole with such grace and good judgment as to win the admiration of all. His oration on that occasion was a surprise to every one unacquainted with his oratorical powers.

C. L. Williams

Mr. C. L. Williams, the President and General Manager of the Meridian Electric Supply & Contracting Company, of this city, was born and raised in Meridian, and is well known and highly esteemed by the entire community.

He received his education in the schools of the town, and later attended the Vanderbilt University at Nashville, where he was considered one of the brightest and most industrious students in attendance.

The company of which Mr. Williams is President and General Manager, manufacture and repair electric apparatus of all kinds, and are agents for high grade multipolar belted or direct connected dynamos and generators for lighting or power, and multipolar low speed motors, belted or geared for manufacturing, elevators, etc.

Mr. Williams is a practical electrical engineer and contractor, having had nine years experience in actual work. During those years he has done some very creditable work in the city, and his work upon several occasions has been very highly complimented by the inspectors of the Southern Railway Association, two jobs especially eliciting praise from these inspectors and their association.

Mr. Williams put in a complete electrical equipment at the Meridian Fertilizer Factory and at the waterworks pump-house, and in the printed report



C. L. Williams

of the inspectors of the Southern Railway Association this work was referred to as being exceptionally well executed and fully up to the requirements of the association's most stringent rules. But Mr. Williams performs all work with the utmost care, and knowing how it should be done, all work entrusted to him is certain to be satisfactorily done. He is highly efficient in complicated wiring and electrical repairing. Recognizing the great ability of the Meridian Street Railway & Electric Power Company have made him inspector for their entire system, and his work is positively a credit to the company.



Marks, Rothenberg & Co's Building

come thoroughly and actively identified with the growth and prosperity of the community. He was born at Starkville, Miss., in 1868, being the son of Rev. R. J. Jones, a distinguished Methodist preacher, now pastor of one of the best churches of Jackson, Miss. Mr. W. E. Jones first became a citizen of Meridian in 1870, when he was only 8 years old. He now holds one of the most responsible positions in the city's largest store.

Ten years after his arrival in Meridian, he entered the office of Messrs. Marks, Rothenberg & Co. as book-keeper, and on account of his faithful service has steadily advanced until he is at present cashier and general manager of the entire business. He is also business manager of the Grand Opera House, which position he fills with genuine satisfaction to the stockholders, the players and the patrons. He pleases the stockholders by his superb business judgment and attention to business, the players and their managers by his straightforward method of dealing with them, and the patrons by securing the very highest class and most popular shows on the road.

Mr. Jones has also been honored by the State, Governor McLaughlin having appointed him a member of the Board of Trustees of the East Mississippi Insane Asylum, and the State Senate having confirmed his appointment. He is further honored by the body of this county as a member of the board of directors of the city of Meridian.

Son, and during his connection with that house it was one of the most widely known and enterprising mercantile houses in the State. They had branch stores in several of the smaller towns and were recognized leaders wherever established.

Mr. Baum entered the employ of Marks, Rothenberg & Co. a couple of years ago, and he is still with this popular house, where he holds a prominent position in the dry goods department.

Mr. Baum is a valuable employee, and has innumerable friends throughout the state whose patronage is drawn to this house through the pleasure they experience in trading with him, and through the excellent values he gives them. He is an honest and conscientious

Mr. Munroe is a staunch believer in four things, which he considers essential to the success of any man. He says that integrity, cheerfulness, honesty and industry are the four cardinal points upon which hinges a man's success in life, and he practices what he preaches. He is a man of great personal integrity, always good natured and cheerful, and is honestly personified. He is industrious and energetic, always alive to his employers' best interests.

The position held by Mr. Munroe is one entailing great responsibility upon of the State, is President of the company. Dr. J. M. Buchanan, a distinguished incumbent, but perfect satisfaction has always resulted from his intelligent administration of the firm's affairs. His duties consist in superintending the forces in the sales departments, keeping up the stocks and passing upon all time sales. This, of course, causes much responsibility to rest upon his shoulders, but he carries it with becoming grace.

Mr. Munroe has great faith in the future of Meridian as is evidenced by his buying a home and making his residence here permanent. He is very energetic in the part he takes in the city's advancement, and the intelligence of his efforts in this regard makes them peculiarly effective. He is one of the chief movers in the excellent organization of the clerks of the city, and has recently been made the Master Workman of the local American Order of United Workmen Lodge. Mr. Munroe is well liked by all who have had the good fortune to form his



Mr. Baum

Winner & Meyer

The firm of Winner & Meyer was established nearly a quarter of a century ago. The senior members cast their lots with Meridian immediately after the war, having continuously resided in Meridian ever since. Through all the varied vicissitudes contingent to a business career of any character, they have stood like an adamant wall. At no period of their history was it ever intimated that they were struggling against adverse commercial billows. They not only fared over failures in crops, panics and other adverse conditions, but year after year they have acquired additional financial strength, until they are justly reputed to be one of the strongest and most progressive business institutions of the State. During the year 1908 their sales at wholesale and retail approximated \$1,500,000. In fact, the magnitude of their business made it imperative that they should provide additional storage



Winner & Meyer—Dry Goods Department

lar department, and is growing steadily in favor with the people. They placed an import order months ago for 500 rolls of matting for spring shipment. They have already placed import orders for embroideries, laces, handkerchiefs and spring dress fabrics.

THE UPPER FLOORS

are devoted to wholesale exclusively, as well as one store upon the ground floor. Upon the upper floors are stored notions, hats, clothing, shoes, shirts, trunks and dress goods, the lower floor being devoted to staple goods entirely. They also travel a number of salesmen from this department, radiating throughout Mississippi and Alabama meeting competition successfully. They contract for domestic, osenabugs and plaids with the best mills in the country, and are thus enabled to quote prices that always insure sales. They possess ample means with which to en-

gation of goods at wholesale and retail, surpassing almost any other in the State. They transact their business upon a high plane of business ethics, are zealously identified with everything that tends to build up Meridian and Lauderdale county. It can be safely predicted that at no distant day Winner & Meyer will occupy the very highest rank in the catalogue of business concerns in the South.

The Meridian Cotton Co.

The Meridian Cotton Company is one of the most extensive cotton buying firms in this section of the South. The company is composed of 2nd operated by Messrs. T. C. Carter, E. H. Carter and E. G. Carter, and was organized seven years ago. Since the company's organization their operations have

been actively engaged in the business about thirty years. He is a citizen of exceptional progressiveness and business energy, and stands high in social and business circles.

Mr. Carter came to Meridian from Mobile, Ala., seventeen years ago, and through his gentle bearing and high moral character has endeared himself to all his fellow citizens. He is public-spirited and has done much to advance the interests of Meridian. He is a Confederate veteran and served gallantly during the war between the States.

Messrs. Eugene H. Carter and Edward G. Carter, aged respectively 28 and 26 years, are sons of Mr. T. C. Carter, and are the junior members of the firm. They are both excellent young gentlemen, being well and favorably known in the social and business world. They received their education in the schools of Mobile, Ala.,



Capt. T. C. Carter

capacity, which they undertook to supply by building a large brick structure, designated elsewhere by a cut which is intended to inadequately convey some idea of the storage capacity it requires for the wholesale grocery business alone. They have traveling salesmen from this branch of their immense business canvassing the trade throughout the States of Alabama and Mississippi. They employ numbers of sales people also in a retail capacity, and it is conceded that they are the most liberal distributors of groceries to the agricultural people in the city, also making liberal advances in money and supplies. These combined agencies necessarily make them the largest cotton buyers in Mississippi, and this feature of their mammoth business necessitated the construction of a large cotton warehouse in which to store their own cotton.

The cut associated with this write-up of their business, designated the whole-



Interior Winner & Meyer's Dry Goods Department

lence their business and the matter of discounts alone is a potent factor in their favor.

THE YOUNG MEN

members of this firm are hustlers, and having been reared under business influences, are thoroughly conversant with every feature of this gigantic business. Everything connected with the management is well organized and perfect harmony prevails. Each member has his distinctive duties, and all are executed energetically.

WAGONS, BUGGIES AND HARNESS

They handle wagons, buggies and harness in liberal quantities. The Old Hickory wagon stands pre-eminently at the head of the wagon world, and is universally popular in Lauderdale and surrounding counties. They carry all styles of buggies, phaetons and road carts. In fact, they carry an aggre-

widened and their business has grown steadily until the past two seasons they have been compelled to more than double their working capacity.

In addition to shipping largely to mills and consumers in this country, this firm does a very extensive export business, shipping freely to almost all of the cotton markets of Europe.

For the past two years they have bought for export to Europe the State of Mississippi's penitentiary crop of cotton, raised on the State's convict farms. This crop amounts to about 3,000 bales of cotton each year. The Meridian Cotton Company have bought this cotton in competition with other firms, they being the highest bidders.

Mr. T. C. Carter, the President of the company, is 54 years old, and is one of the pioneers in the cotton business in this section of the South, having

and Meridian, afterwards attending the University of Mississippi at Oxford. Each is well capacitated for successful careers and to this period of their lives has shown indomitable energy and perseverance that reflects the great promise of future prosperity and success.

Meridian's Street Car and Light System

The Meridian Street Railway and Power Company is one of the city's most progressive corporations, and contributes largely to the modern conveniences enjoyed here. Local capital only is employed in the operation of the plant, and some of the city's very best business men and most substantial capitalists are connected with the known and most progressive citizens enterprise.

Col. H. M. Street, one of the best

known and most progressive citizens of the State, is President of the company. Dr. J. M. Buchanan, a distinguished physician and Superintendent of the East Mississippi Insane Asylum, is Vice-President. Mr. Henry G. Meyer, Cashier of the Citizens' Saving Bank, and a very capable young business man, is Treasurer. Messrs. G. W. Meyer, John Kamper and Dr. J. M. Buchanan compose the Executive Board, and under their intelligent direction and the capable management by Mr. C. B. Buchanan, the company is in a prosperous condition and their patrons are well pleased with the excellence of the service given.

Mr. C. B. Buchanan, the Secretary and General Manager for the company, whose portrait appears herewith, is only 39 years of age, but possesses remarkable business ability and has varied experience in the industrial and commercial world. He was born at Okolona, Miss., and started out in the mercantile branch of business in North Mississippi some fourteen years ago. He is an expert accountant, and has a



E. H. Carter

wonderfully quick conception of business propositions.

In 1890 Mr. Buchanan removed to Memphis, Tenn., in the service of the Southern Express Company. He was employed in the Auditing Department, and the company was kind to give him up when he left them the next year. He became interested in the projected suburban electric railway to Raleigh Springs from Memphis in 1890, and was one of the chief promoters of the enterprise. The Raleigh Springs Railway and Hotel Company was organized with Mr. Buchanan Treasurer, and the company built and operated about ten miles of suburban railway from the city of Memphis to the springs mentioned above. After the company disposed of the property, Mr. Buchanan went to New York where he became connected with one of the largest banking and brokerage firms in the city. He traveled the time while connected with the house. Returning to Memphis in 1891,



E. G. Carter

sale and retail dry goods, utterly fails to provide an idea as to the magnitude of their stock. The building is filled to overflowing and is entirely inadequate to the demand for room, so much so that they have already determined to add two more stories to their present quarters, thus increasing the storage capacity of both their wholesale and retail dry goods business. They began to cater to the demands of the retail dry goods trade about one year ago, and their success has been phenomenal. The accompanying cut, designated as the interior of their dry goods emporium, fails to portray the beauty of the arrangement of their varied departments. They devote one entire room to dry goods and notions, many of their higher grades of dress goods being their own importations. Another department is devoted to clothing, gents furnishings, hats and shoes. In this interior is also an exclusive Cape Department, and ladies' tailor-made garments. On the second floor they have an exclusive Carpet and House Furnishing Department that would be a credit to any city. This is a very popular



Winner & Meyer—Wholesale Grocery Department



C. B. Buchanan

Mr. Buchanan became an accountant in the Mercantile Bank of that city, where he remained until 1897, when he came to Meridian and became prominently connected with the Meridian Electric Light and Power Company. Prior to March 1, 1897, the light company and power company ran the two branches of the business separate, but on that date the two branches were consolidated, and Mr. Buchanan was made Secretary and Manager, which position he is still holding with satisfaction to the company and directors and to their patrons. The service given by the company, both in light and power, is excellent and the work is of great capacity.

Several other of our most prominent citizens are connected with the service on these railways as well as the convenience of the city. Where it is for the benefit of the city, the company is always ready to do a few half

years has purchased immense quantities of hay from the North. That has simply been done because many of the Southern planters were devoting their entire attention to the one crop of cotton, and purchasing the food necessary for themselves and stock. That day, however, is rapidly passing away, and now can be found in every section of this country as fine grass pastures and clover fields as exist anywhere.

Northern also are the conditions so favorable to the man of moderate means. Lands being cheap with an opportunity for twelve months outdoor labor, a garden all the winter, and the best fuel in the world costing nothing, gives a man an opportunity to secure a large income from his labor with very small expenses.

There are saw mills every few miles along the lines of railroads, and planing is very cheap, compared with prices in other sections of the country, with an opportunity to secure cut lumber, suitable for fencing, sheds, etc., at any of the mills free. There is no better water in the world than that to be found in this section, whether from spring wells or brooks. The wells are from fifteen to thirty feet deep, and the water is pure, soft and cold.

Poisonous reptiles and annoying insects are not numerous here, while excellent opportunities for hunting and fishing are afforded. The streams are full of the choicest fish, and during the winter season quail, wild turkeys, squirrels, rabbits, opossums and coons abound in sufficient numbers to afford all the sport one could hope for besides supplying the table with game. Back a few miles from the railroad deer are found. Along the streams are found plenty of hickory nuts, walnuts and pecans, while dewberries, blackberries, strawberries, plums and grapes are plentiful everywhere.

The country is settling up rapidly, and everyone is setting out more or less fruit, and the few nurseries along the line of the railroads are making money.

The usual method of clearing up the pine land is to cut down and burn up the tops of the trees that cannot be utilized any other way, and after a few months when the stumps are dry, fire around them a little and burn them out. This can be done rapidly and cheaply. There is no better fuel than yellow pine. All the old logs and dead trees and stumps are what is called "lightwood," being so full of resin and tar that you can light a log of it with a match. A few pieces will make a very hot fire.

All kinds of stock is from 25 to 30 per cent higher in the South than in the North, and yet it does not cost more than half as much to raise stock in this country.

Raising of hogs and cattle, both for home consumption and the market, is another absorbing more attention, as the advantages of making cotton are realized by the farmers. Hundreds of farmers in this territory make all the

of various timbers. There are still standing in this country many thousands of acres of virgin forest untouched by the axe, notwithstanding the enormous output of the mills along the lines of the railroads during the past decade. The extent of this business, its contribution to the wealth of the State and the number of people obtaining a livelihood out of it are not appreciated by the average statistician, because it has slowly and almost imperceptibly grown to a constantly widening area and the absence of any striking concentration at any point has contributed to obscure its importance and dimensions in the eyes of the casual observer.

But those who live in the midst of this activity and realize the value of its contribution to local wealth, who see villages and towns springing up around the mill centers, along the railroads, and thousands of people receiving their weekly wages from the mills, while the land owner receives for the trees upon his land frequently more than the land and improvements originally cost him, and the small farmer finds in the woods or at the mills employment not only for himself, but for his teams also, during the idle season; those who see things have a genuine appreciation of the magnitude and importance of this lumber business.

Nor is the development of this interest confined entirely to the saving of rough lumber. In nearly every town there are shingle and planing mills for the finishing of the saw mill product, while in the larger places there are factories devoted exclusively to the manufacture of wood products, and nearly every investment in this direction has proved profitable and successful.

While the pine is now the chief basis of the lumber industry, it is by no means the only source of wealth afforded by the forests of East Mississippi. The turpentine and rosin product is no mean contribution to the wealth of the rural districts.

The hardwoods in infinite variety, such as hickory, oak, ash, gum, etc., abound in large quantity, and a ready market is found for such forest products at good prices.

The prairie region of East Mississippi has demonstrated its adaptability to stock raising in the splendid results realized by those, who, of late years have given their cotton lands largely to pasturage and to forage crops. Splendid specimens of home raised horses, mules and cows are exhibited at the annual county fairs, and the small cost of their rearing is a revelation to those engaged in the same business elsewhere. In the pine region a splendid natural pasturage is found, in the woods, for hogs and cattle all the year around. The "moss" is abundant and the wild cane, growing in the low lands along the numerous creeks and rivers that water all of this section, affords the best of winter pasturage for cows, reducing the cost of their

Report Upon the Sanitary Condition of Meridian

BY DR. L. N. GUICE.

Ex-President Mississippi State Medical Association; Member American Public Health Association; Member American Medical Association; and a distinguished writer upon sanitary subjects.

TO THE Young Men's Business League. In response to your request I present below a few facts relative to the past and present sanitary condition of our city:

"First, it may be appropriate to say that Meridian is situated in the midst of an immense yellow pine region, and is surrounded on all sides with dense forests of the original growth of pine. The surface of the country composing this region is elevated and uneven. In fact, it is made up largely of ridges and hills, and is abundantly drained by streams of pure soft water. The atmosphere possesses that quality of purity which is universally conceded to all the fine regions of this country, and is charged with an aroma which is supplied by the ever-green leaf of the pine. This terribinate principle is injurious to none and is thought to be advantageous to persons who are inclined to pulmonary disease.

"Coming now to the city proper, we find that Meridian stands upon a surface which is elevated and uneven; in fact, it is dotted all over with hills, ridges and narrow valleys. We are thus insured a most perfect system of natural drainage. All storm water flows rapidly from the surface, and after reaching the larger drains, ditches and culverts in the different parts of the city, it is speedily conveyed to Sawhorse creek. This creek is a stream of considerable magnitude, which traverses the entire Southern border of the city.

"The soil of the city is freely intermixed with sand and gravel and is hence porous and dry. Combining then, the elevated and undulating nature of the surface with the sandy and porous character of the soil, we have that happy combination which insures a condition of dryness, which is recognized by all sanitarians as being most favorable to health. Dr. Parkes, in his work on Hygiene, (Scientific Hygiene) says, page 296, that the health of a locality is intimately connected with the nature of the soil on which the houses are built. It is generally believed that the most porous soils—the gravel and the sands—are the healthiest because they are the driest, and this view is in the main correct.

"When we take into consideration the unhealthy or the disease-producing tendencies of damp soils, we can better appreciate the value to health of the opposite or dry soil. Dr. Parkes, previously quoted, and who is one of the most distinguished authorities on the subject of hygiene, claims that this condition of dampness and moisture in the site and air of a house, is one credited by universal experience with the production of rheumatism, catarrh, neuralgia and all affections of a bronchial and pulmonary nature, and is probably a strong predisposing factor in the production of typhoid fever, etc. The researches of Dr. Rodich, of Boston, U. S. A., have conclusively shown that there is an intimate connection between moisture of soil and destructive diseases of the lungs. Knowing then, as we do, the amount of sickness, suffering and death which is caused by the list of diseases above mentioned, and estimating at their true value, in the scientific world, the men whose language I have quoted, we should not fail to place adequate value upon the dry soil of our city.

"Meridian is remarkably free from Malaria and malarial diseases. This is due to special and vast importance, and is the adequate reason for every estimate of sanitary condition of this city.

"Engaged in the practice of medicine here, I have been struck with the paucity of malarial fevers and other diseases arising from latrine spread and poisonous emanations which is known as malarial fever, and which is truly very uncommon within the corporate limits of the city.

"Malaria is known to be one of the greatest enemies of the Caucasian race. It is pronounced of widely diffused over immense areas of the North American continent, and any city or locality which may successfully establish the fact that it is free from its presence and harmful influences, should at once become a center of attraction, both for capital and immigration.

"The absence of malaria from Meridian does not rank as a special phenomenon, nor as an unaccountable phenomenon in nature, but by its truly and scientifically attributed to the dry and porous character of the soil. It is maintained by distinguished hy-

gienist, Dr. Parkes, that the connection between malaria and damp, marshy soils is firmly established. The presence of much vegetable debris in the soil, together with sufficient moisture and warm temperature, are the usual factors determining the development of the malarial agent and the onset of ague and intermittent fevers.

"In many instances, in truth, as is justly claimed by Dr. Parkes and other hygienists, districts which were originally malarial have been rendered healthy by means of artificial subsoil drainage, or even alone by the planting of trees, which later drain the soil by means of evaporation from the green leaves of the growing timber. And the fact is established that an oak tree will evaporate eight and a half times the volume of water falling upon the area covered by the same. Thus it is that the large number of oaks growing in Meridian serve to contribute to



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the health of the city by contributing, in their way, to the dryness of the soil.

"Typhoid fever is rapidly disappearing from our catalogue of diseases. And I will assert, without fear of contradiction, that Meridian is as free from typhoid fever as any city of its size in this country.

"Several years ago the city was first supplied with pure water by means of a complete waterworks system. This water is obtained from a mountain rivulet of pure soft water. The advent of this water was followed by the gradual closing of the private wells and also by the steady disappearance of typhoid fever and other diseases resulting from the consumption of impure water.

"But this fact can be better shown and appreciated by comparing the death rate of Meridian with that of a number of other cities of the United States and foreign countries.

"The following table from the report of the eleventh census shows for each of thirty-one registration cities the number of deaths during the year ending June 1, 1890, for each thousand of population. It will be noticed that the death rates are given for the whole population, and with classification, in the case of six Southern cities by color:

Cities	
Cambridge	19.80
Canada	24.42
Nashville	18.07
Worcester	16.10
Lynn	18.48
Swack	20.04
Lowell	27.31
St. Louis	19.14
Cleveland	21.95
Jersey City	27.51
Philadelphia	22.67
Milwaukee	19.28
San Francisco	23.61
Chicago	21.06
Lavaca	23.05
Pittsburg	21.82
Cincinnati	22.36
Wilmington	20.70
Providence	22.31
Paterson	23.73
Brooklyn	25.54
Indianapolis	18.85
Boston	24.70
Leavenworth	19.61
Leavenworth-Colored	31.98
Both together	21.81
Washington-White	19.70
Washington-Colored	38.22
Both together	25.85
Fall River	24.84
Richmond-White	22.25
Richmond-Colored	40.80
Both together	29.62
Baltimore-White	22.61
Baltimore-Colored	36.41
Both together	24.75
New York	23.63
New Orleans-White	23.41
New Orleans-Colored	36.61
Both together	28.40
Charleston-White	24.75
Charleston-Colored	33.94
Both together	41.23

"The death rate of Meridian is less

than fourteen in the thousand. It is evident, therefore, by comparison that this figure is decidedly lower than that of any city mentioned in the foregoing tables.

"Heretofore, as I have previously shown, Meridian has had no sewerage, but this great sanitary requirement of every city is now being supplied. The contractors are rapidly nearing the completion for us of what is known as the Waring system of sewerage, and in fact, the work will be completed within the present month. This system of sewerage has received the endorsement—may, more—it has commanded the admiration for efficiency of hygienists and sanitarians in both Europe and America, and it is in truth one of if not the best known system. With this sewerage completed and in operation the city will be able, without doubt or difficulty, to maintain a most perfect sanitary condition and even to

lower the present death rate of forty-two per thousand.

"Thus, gentlemen, have I sought to show that Meridian offers to her present and prospective inhabitants assurances of their ability to maintain health as are implied in the combination of pure air, pure water, a dry and porous soil, though surface drainage, absence of malaria and a perfect system of sewerage.

"There is no obstacle to the constant supply of the purest water for this city. Should the present supply prove, at any time, inadequate, inexhaustible quantities can be furnished by means of artesian wells. This important fact has been established by the sinking of a well. This well is located in the center of the city and is 780 feet in depth. The water issues from a bed of quicksand; is clear, soft and pure, and is, hence, adapted to all the wants of a city.

"The following analysis of the water of this well was made by Prof. W. L. Hutchinson, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Starkville, Miss., to-wit:

Grains Per Gallon	
Total Solids	8.180
Consisting of Soluble Solids	530
Iron Oxide	233
Alumina Oxide	99
Phosphoric Acid	0.945
Chlorine	440
Sulphur Trioxide	377
Lime (Calcium Oxide)	353
Magnesium Oxide	650
Potassium Oxide	276
Sodium Oxide	2,658

"Social
There is, perhaps, no large town in the United States where the status of the individual is more practically fixed by moral worth in Meridian, Mississippi, than in the extremes of wealth and owning neither paupers nor millionaires, there are no class distinctions here to distinguish the woe from the lofter, the honest man from the rogue, the moral from the immoral, the educated from the ignorant. In our social economy, worthiness is the supreme test, and it is inexorably applied in every relation of life. potent moral influence dominates a community, and all who seek social position here must conform to it.

A cordial welcome and the kindest hospitality awaits every new comer is the midst of this people; the right kind of fellowship is at once extended and never withdrawn except for sufficient cause. No one ever asks any question as to the politics, place of birth or religion of the stranger; whether Democrat, Republican or Populist, whether from Maine or Florida, whether Jew or Gentile, the same welcome and kindly consideration awaits him. If only he will make a good citizen. It may be said right here that a large proportion of our most influential citizens in every line of business came from Meridian and Meridian, the social status of their families has questioned.

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crop are being better and land required for all their hands' use; and sell a considerable surplus of their neighboring lands is always here an export for those home made, they being generally better than the Western products in the towns buy the beef cattle raised in the latest, and always pay good prices, cows and calves that are for slaughtering.

Schools are numerous in towns throughout the State, and the Mississippi recognized every best in existing fields for the East Mississippi number business, this is a tendency

keep during the winter months to a minimum. It is a fact that many farmers do not feed much corn at any season of the year where the wild cane abounds, the pasturage keeping this class of stock in good condition.

Health and Vital Statistics

As surpassing every other consideration in the estimate of the immigrant or investor, the question of health naturally comes first. It is gratifying to the people of this section to be enabled to satisfy every inquiry on this score by simply presenting the able report of the late Dr. L. N. Guice on this subject, prepared at the request of the Young Men's Business League of Meridian.



First Presbyterian Church

The refinements of society prevail here, and culture, along the lines of art and literature is stimulated by each, whose membership embraces ladies and gentlemen of every calling. The homes of Meridian, in their exquisite gardens and beautiful grounds, their architectural beauty and the taste displayed in their interior finish, furnishing and decoration, abundantly attest the appreciation in which these things are held.

The drama is here encouraged as one of the handsomest, and by its appointment theatres afford, during a season of seven months, entertainment by the best histrionic talent in the country. A regularly organized lyceum bureau contributes every winter to intellectual enlightenment by bringing hither some of the most distinguished platform orators known to fame.

Manufacturing Facilities

While surrounded by a thrifty and prosperous agricultural people whose trade must inevitably assure a large degree of commercial activity, sufficient always to sustain a town of respectable proportions, the people have enjoyed the wonderful advantages enjoyed by manufacturers, and the energies of this citizenship are directed towards building here a city whose strength will abide in its internal industrial resources. These advantages are possessed here:

First—Proximity to the raw material.

Second—Easy accessibility to the markets of the world and low rates of freight.

Third—Cheap fuel.

Fourth—An abundance of labor untroubled by the disorders that beset industrial centers elsewhere.

Fifth—Exemption of all factories on taxation by the State Constitution for ten years.

Sixth—An all pervading public sentiment that fosters and encourages every manufacturing enterprise that seeks location here.

Seventh—The absence of any legislation or any suggestion thereof, tending to embarrass the employment of labor. Recognizing these things, local capital has not been slow to take advantage of them, and the city points with just pride to the splendid success achieved by every factory established in Meridian during the past ten years. Their growth has been constant, and the markets reached by their products constantly enlarging as their capacity expanded.

Meridian is not only the third and most progressive city in the State of Mississippi, but will rank well up in the column of enterprising cities of the United States. A score of years ago, when she was only an ordinary and unimportant inland town of a few hundred inhabitants, but by her energy and vision she has rapidly acquired an enviable position in the unparalleled march of progressiveness that has marked the advancement of

Southern cities. It would be extremely difficult to point to a place that has enjoyed as steady a growth as has Meridian, and certainly there is none that has more thoroughly covered the field of general advancement. For not only has Meridian grown in size and the volume of business done, but her social and educational conditions and facilities have kept pace with the general growth of the town. The scheme of municipal government has also been perfected, and it is a fact that not a single city can boast of a better system of local government, nor of a more efficient administration of that government than is possessed right here in the city of Meridian.

While up to the year 1893 Meridian had always been considered a live, progressive and up-to-date town, it was not until the year named that she awoke to a complete realization of her full possibilities and her unequalled opportunity for becoming one of the large manufacturing and commercial centers of the South. Already having six good railroads, some of her most energetic and far-seeing citizens saw her unlimited chances for becoming great, and set themselves at the task of showing their less enterprising fellow citi-



W. W. Meyer

characterized her growth since.

It was this year that an exceptionally keen how such an end could be reached.

Of course there was considerable opposition to every proposition that would tend to advance the town in commercial importance, as is the case always with such propositions. Enterprise and progressiveness always excite opposition and those who would see Meridian improve were undaunted by the howl raised by those who were less alive to the city's best interests, but all were finally overcome by pluck and courage and the more commendable movements having triumphed, everything is now tranquil and serene. Those who opposed enterprise have been won over by the great conveniences they have derived from the modern equipment of the city, and there is scarce a dissenting voice heard when a progressive proposition is broached now. So much for energy and perseverance, backed by good common sense and sane intelligence.

Prior to the year 1893 the city of Meridian had made progress, but not such rapid and long strides as have

wide-awake and progressive government was installed in the city, with the Hon. E. H. Dial at its head, and it is due in a great measure to Mr. Dial's untiring energy and devotion to his city and to his remarkable foresight and thoroughness that Meridian has advanced so rapidly and to the extent it has.

Mr. Dial being far advanced in knowledge of municipal affairs and commendably progressive in his ideas, proposed a system of sewerage that would place Meridian safely in the lead of all other Southern cities in the way of sanitary perfection. There developed a lively opposition to the proposition, partly because a great many of the people thought that the excellent natural drainage of the town was sufficient to maintain the healthfulness of the place, but it was finally agreed to secure the opinion of an expert sanitary and municipal engineer on the advisability of constructing the system. Mr. Samuel M. Gray, of Providence, R. I., was employed to make specifications and plans and to furnish estimates of the cost. This was done and those favoring the proposition set themselves to the task of explaining to the opposition the sanitary advantages to be enjoyed by the city from the construction of the sewerage. The Mayor was very active in his efforts to secure the enterprise, and in addition to publishing explanations, he delivered public addresses in behalf of the project. The result of the agitation was an election held in November of that year to determine whether or not the citizens favored issuing bonds for the improvement. At this election the citizens showed their progressiveness by voting to issue the bonds.

Accordingly, in May, 1894, \$100,000 worth of bonds were issued and bids for the construction of the sewerage system were advertised for. Eighteen miles of the system was then constructed for \$71,000, but it has since been extended until there is now not less than twenty-five miles, with a balance of \$8,000 of the \$100,000 sewerage fund



Meyer & Schamber, Jewelers

still in the treasury. The system is complete and perfect in every detail, and the limit of its capacity will not even be approached until the city shall have acquired a population of 80,000.

Other municipal improvements that were made under that administration were the erection of a school building for whites on Southside and one for the negroes near the Central school for whites. These additions to the already excellent educational facilities show that Meridian people had the right idea of the importance of the educational advancement of their children. The city already had three magnificent public school buildings, one each in East End and West End and in the central portion of the city.

It was also in 1894 when the street and sidewalk paving movement was inaugurated. This movement resulted in the State Legislature authorizing the city to borrow \$75,000 for sidewalk improvement, and \$30,000 for street paving purposes, which latter was increased in 1898 by special act of the Legislature to \$30,000. These amounts have been applied for the purposes indicated and there is fully thirty miles of paved sidewalks in the residence portion of the city; and all of the principal business streets are paved.

The sidewalks are paved with the very best sidewalk paving brick, and have every appearance of being capable of withstanding the ravages of time for many a day. Two materials were used in paving the streets, some being laid with vitrified brick and others with vitrified brick and sand. The vitrified brick streets are as pretty and as durable as the streets of any city, and Meridian people are proud of the enterprise that secured them.

In the district where the streets are paved there is an excellent system of storm-sewerage that has no connection whatever with the sanitary system. This sewerage carries off the storm water from the streets and insures clean, dry streets even in the wettest season.

Meyer & Schamber

One of the largest and best assorted lines of watches, silverware, diamonds and jewelry in the State is carried right here in Meridian by Messrs. Meyer & Schamber. This store was established thirty years ago and has always been considered one of Meridian's best enterprises on account of the immensity of the stock carried, its great value and superb selection, together with the public-spiritedness and enterprise of its proprietors.

Mr. G. W. Meyer, the senior member of the firm, is one of the wealthiest capitalists of the State, and is largely interested in dozens of manufacturing and industrial enterprises. His investments are not confined to Meridian, however, he having extensive interests in Cincinnati and in and around Chattanooga. He is a large shareholder and



Capt. C. W. Schamber

active member of a number of Meridian's most important industrial and manufacturing companies, and is known far and near for his business integrity and excellent judgment. Prior to last year he was the sole proprietor of the big jewelry store here, but in the fall of 1898 he associated with him Capt. C. W. Schamber, a young gentleman who virtually grew up in the store, having been employed there for more than a score of years. Captain Schamber is a most excellent young man, and has a thorough knowledge of the jewelry business in all its branches. Socially, he is loved and respected by all who have made his acquaintance. He was Captain of the Walhalla Guards, perhaps the best company in the entire State National Guard organization, for a number of years, and when war was declared against Spain in the spring of 1898, he gave up all the comforts and pleasures of a happy home to lend his assistance to his country. He entered the service of the United States as Captain of Company 1, First Mississippi Regiment, and served in that capacity until the conclusion of the war, when he resigned to become a member of the jewelry firm, the business of which he now

manages so successfully and with much judiciousness.

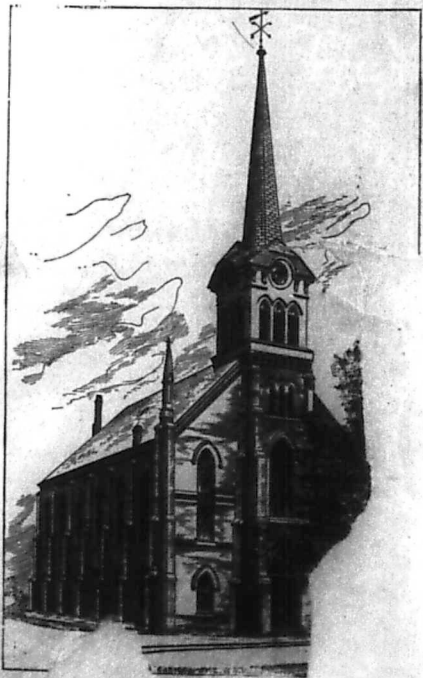
The stock of Meyer & Schamber consists of diamonds, watches, jewelry, silverware, silver and gold jewelry, fine cut glass, clocks, optical goods, ladies' and gentlemen's pocketknives, gold bronzed and marble statuettes, high grade umbrellas, gold beads, canes, etc., all of the richest quality and most exquisite patterns. They keep right up-to-date in all things, and how sorely escapes the attention of their buyers. Every new creation in this line is offered for sale in this store simultaneously with its appearance in the metropolitan cities. This shows that the firm is progressive, and makes every effort to at all times please its customers. They occupy quarters in the Meyer block and have the most spacious and best appointed jewelry store to be found anywhere in this section of the South.

Only competent and reliable workmen are employed in the repairing department and all work entrusted to them receives the most careful attention from skillful repairers. The firm are the official inspectors of the timepieces of the employees of the Alabama Great Southern, Alabama & Vicksburg, New Orleans & Northeastern and the Southern railroads.

Marks, Rothenberg & Co.

For more than a quarter of a century the firm of Marks, Rothenberg & Co. have been identified with every public interest of the city of Meridian, and have contributed more to the town's commercial importance than perhaps any other single establishment. The firm was organized when Meridian was commercially an infant, and has grown with the town, benefiting and being benefited, until now the town is a giant in the commercial world, and this particular establishment towers colossal-like far above any similar enterprise in the State; and there are none in the entire South that have grown to such proportions under similar circumstances. From a small beginning this house has steadily and rapidly grown to the magnificent size and commercial strength now enjoyed by it. Success has attended the firm from the very first, and while that success has been liberal, it has not been so to a greater extent than the firm has been generous in their contributions and endeavors toward the upbuilding of their town. Thus have they acquired greater strength and assumed greater proportions with each passing year. They have not only successfully tided over every political incident to a commercial career, but have prospered under what may be termed by others extreme adverse conditions.

Being the largest distributors of all classes of merchandise in the State,



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of the city, and a branch goes out to North Park, a delightful pleasure resort, where the company has built a nice pavilion, which they have fitted up for dances, entertainments, etc.

Another line runs out to the East Mississippi and West Alabama Fair Association's grounds, which is another delightful place of pleasure at all seasons. The equipment of these lines is up-to-date and of modern comfortableness.

In addition to the power employed in operating the street railway system, the company has an extensive patronage for motor and fan power.

The company has the contract or franchise for lighting the city, and the service given is highly satisfactory.

Important extensions in both the power and light branches are contemplated by the company, which will increase the capacity of the plant very much.

DR. R. H. WHITFIELD

The Father of the Public School System of Meridian

Dr. R. H. Whitfield was born in Johnston county, North Carolina, September 4, 1820. He was educated at



Dr. R. H. Whitfield

the University of that State, from which school he graduated in 1850. Three years later he also graduated in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania.

When the war between the States came on the doctor entered the service of the Confederacy and was made a surgeon in the Confederate army. He saw much action while in the army, having served through the entire war. He experienced the usual hardships of Meridian Fertilizer Factory, which and triumphs of a Confederate soldier during that period, and was in Vicksburg when that city was besieged for forty-seven days by the Union forces. He was a man of strong courage and was never known to shrink or neglect a duty, no matter how unpleasant, or to how much danger the performance of that duty would subject him. He was much admired by his comrades in arms for his gallant bravery and for his great skill in performing the duties that fell upon him as an army surgeon.

Dr. Whitfield removed from Sumter county, Alabama, to Meridian in February, 1868, and is one of the pioneers of the town. There are but few of the people who came here as early as that who now reside here, but all of these have left their impress upon the town and are all prominent in the town's history. None, however, are more prominent in the town's past history and none were more devoted to the town's best interests than was Dr. Whitfield. Much of the town's present prosperity and high moral and social position is due to the earnest and intelligent efforts of Dr. Whitfield in behalf of the education of the growth of the city. Dr. Whitfield is the actual father of the educational facilities now in the city, and his efforts have been a great blessing to the town.

In the '80's, when Dr. Whitfield commenced the agitation of the public free school question, he met a peculiar opposition. There were a number of private schools and colleges in the city, and nearly all these combined opposing the establishment of a public free school system, thinking it would detract from their patronage. Dr. Whitfield, however, didn't take that view of the matter, for he knew that there were many children in the city who needed schooling, but who were unable to pay the prices charged for tuition in the private schools. It took a long time for the doctor to accomplish his aim in the face of the strong opposition, but this he finally did, and to-day the magnificent public school building and the perfect system of conduct of the schools are substantial monuments to his forethought and devotion to purpose. The largest and most centrally located school building when erected was named the "Whitfield High School" and a marble slab thus designating it was placed over the door. In addition to this compliment the Board of Councilmen passed a resolution officially commending Dr. Whitfield for the great work he had done in behalf of the welfare of the children of the city.

Dr. Whitfield gave liberally of his time and money to educate the schools, but is well satisfied with the result. He is the acknowledged father of the public free schools here, and has been prominent in public affairs at all times.

He represented Lauderdale county in the State Legislature in 1888 and was a most active and influential member of that body, rendering excellent service to his constituency, and to the State. He has also been honored with membership on each of the municipal boards, and was an intelligent, conscientious worker for the city's upbuilding. It was he who introduced the bills in the Legislature and secured the passage for the building of the city Hall and market house, the school houses and various other benefits occurred to the city through his wisdom and judgment.

Dr. Whitfield as a professional man ranks highly, and morally and socially he is one of the city's most valuable citizens.

At present, the doctor is not practicing his profession, but is the proprietor of one of the best appointed and largest drug stores here. He handles the best and purest drugs obtainable, and prescriptions filled at his establishment are always carefully and accurately prepared. All patent medicines are carried in his stock, and he makes a specialty of the best garden and field seeds that are on the market. This establishment is always up-to-date, and its proprietor is one of the most progressive men to be found.

Louis S. Myer

The above is a portrait of Mr. Louis S. Myer, of this city. He was born at Raleigh, South Carolina, Mississippi, March 10, 1829. He received his early education in the high schools of Raleigh and Savannah in his native county, and then went to the high school at Newton one session under Prof. R. K. Jayne in 1876. After that he attended two sessions of the University of Mississippi at Oxford, the sessions of 1877-78 and 1878-79. From the University he returned to his home, Raleigh, and served as Deputy Sheriff under the late Hon. J. C. Mize for two years with credit to himself and satisfaction to every one.

From Raleigh, Mr. Myer went to Morton, Miss., where he clerked for one of the largest mercantile houses. He removed from Morton to Hicksville, O., and was employed in the clothing store of Mr. Ben Elson for a year, and in company with Mr. Elson went to Plattsmouth, Neb., and clerked three more years afterwards being employed for a year in the clothing store of Mr. Elgretter, corner Farman and Third streets, Omaha, Neb. He remained a

year also at Schyler, Neb. Returning South he located at Ellitsville, Miss., where his mother then lived, and while there secured the appointment of mail agent on the Louisville & Nashville railroad from Montgomery to New Orleans through Congressman Van Eaton, and served in that capacity faithfully and with credit and satisfaction to himself and employers. He resigned this place, however, rather than be subordinate to negroes in the service, or mix with them on his line.

Mr. Myer then accepted a position with one of the largest mercantile houses in Robeline, La., but at that place he contracted swamp fever, and moved to Shreveport, La., and Orange, Tex., until he regained his health. He then went to Sandersville, Miss., and engaged in the mercantile business, and while there he married Miss Jeannet David, of Meridian, on November 25, 1888, and remained there two years. From Sandersville he removed to Meridian in 1889 and engaged in the retail grocery business. He remained



Louis S. Myer

in that business five or six years. He has since been travelling on the road, and for a short period was connected with two of the daily papers.

Mr. Myer has three interesting children, one boy and two girls.

He is now a candidate for clerk of the next House of Representatives, and should he be the lucky man and get distinction in himself and with satisfaction to all the Representatives. He is well qualified for the position which he seeks.

Lide & Cheatham

The nearest and best kept general drug store in town is that of Lide & Cheatham, in the Southern Hotel building. Both members of the firm are young men of fine social standing, and possess sound and mature business judgment. The firm was formed several months ago, and by large and select patronage is enjoyed by the house. In this store can be found the purest drugs and as complete a stock of drug sundries as is carried anywhere. All patent medicines are handled by this firm, and the wants of the public can always be satisfied when a visit is paid this establishment. All the lines usually carried in connection with drugs and medicines are found in greatest variety and highest quality in this store.



W. R. Evans

Paints, oils, varnishes and window glass are all carried and each purchase of these goods give satisfaction to the purchaser. Only the purest and highest class drugs being used in filling prescriptions, this drug store has acquired an enviable popularity with the citizens of the city. Both Mr. Lide and Mr. Cheatham are expert pharmacists, and use the utmost care in compounding the prescriptions. This insures accuracy all the time, and it is one reason the firm has prospered so.

This store makes a specialty of garden seeds, and carries only the best grades, and those best adapted to the climate. The stock is fresh and well kept, and shows the enterprising proprietors are well equipped for

the successful conduct of their business.

The Southern Bank

Among the banks of the State of Mississippi, there are none that can make a better showing for the period of their existence than the Southern Bank of Meridian.

This bank was established less than a year ago by local capitalists, and the capitalization was fixed at \$50,000. The stockholders represent an immense amount of home capital, and the Southern is destined to be one of the largest and best banking houses of this section.

The business of the bank has already grown to greater volume than the promoters of the enterprise ever dreamed of, and is constantly increasing. It has some of the very best of accounts, and the prospects for its continued growth and prosperity are very flattering.

Perhaps one reason for this remarkable growth in so short a time, aside from the general prosperity of this part of the country, is the exceptional good management the officers of the institution have shown themselves capable of. All business entrusted to the Southern Bank is given the very closest attention, which in nearly every instance wins a customer and certainly always the admiration of business men. Sound business methods are adhered to in the direction of the bank's affairs, and it is this, together with the personal popularity of the promoters, that is winning for this bank such an enviable position in the financial world.

Mr. Frank C. McGhee, of this city, who served as Consul to Huddlesford, England, under President Cleveland's administration, is President of the bank. Mr. McGhee is a very popular gentleman in social life, and is so genial and clever at all times that it is a pleasure to do business with him. He is one of the "solid men" of the State. Having had extended residence in England, and being in close touch with the best business men of that country, Mr. McGhee is placed in position, if he so desired, to secure the best English co-operation in any enterprise, and would wield a strong influence in placing English capital.

The Vice-President, Mr. B. J. Carter, is also a resident of Meridian, and has done much to advance the city's best interests. There is no man in the city who enjoys more completely the confidence of his fellow-citizens, and they have shown their appreciation of his sterling qualities in more ways than one. Mr. Carter is a member of the Board of Councilmen of the municipality, and enjoys the additional honor of presiding at the deliberations of this body. His rare good judgment and fine business sense qualify him admirably for all walks of life.

Mr. George S. McGhee, an agreeable and accommodating young gentleman of mature business judgment and foresight, is Cashier of the institution, and renders most excellent service. He is prompt and accommodating, and is doing much to increase the bank's business and to enlarge its possibilities.

W. R. Evans

Mr. W. R. Evans is a member of a fine old South Carolina family and has been actually engaged in the mercantile business for a quarter of a century. He came to Meridian a year ago and established himself in the mercantile branch of business, and during a short time he has been here or has made a remarkable showing in local

mercantile circles, and has built up a trade that is a testimonial to his business energy and integrity. He conducts a racket store, in which he carries everything in stock, all of which is sold at marvellously low prices.

Mr. Evans is well pleased with Meridian and considers his prospects for continued success most flattering. He thinks that his past success is due largely to the good quality of goods carried in his stock and the never before heard of low prices at which he sells them, and is confident that these features of his business will bring him increased patronage in the future.

Personally Mr. Evans is genial and courteous and makes a friend and permanent customer of almost every one with whom he has dealings.

Hon. Abe Klein

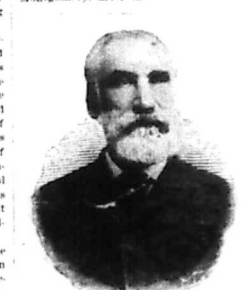
Justice Abe Klein is one of our young old men, who, as the years over his head, grows in popularity, stronger in the love of the people of this city among whom he has his home for many years, or at shortly following the close of it.

Abe Klein, when he first came here, had not long discarded the gray, and uniform which he wore with pride all during the war, a uniform in which he met the enemy at Corinth, under Beauregard, at Lookout Mountain, Mississippi Ridge, Knob Hill, Chickasaw, before at Vicksburg and which, under Johnston, he fought the retreat from Chattanooga to Atlanta.

It was at the last place, in the battle of New Hope Church, that this new old veteran was wounded, the only time he was hurt during the memorable struggle between the States and in all the famous engagements he was in.

Private Abe Klein was a fighter. He carried mighty little for the rebel brand on his sleeve; he was there to fight and there was no braver man nor more loyal son of the Forty-second Alabama than he.

At Vicksburg he withstood the heavy artillery fire of Grant and the fierce bombardment of Sherman's fleet. It was in that last engagement at Chickasaw Bayou, and was paroled in Montgomery, after the South



Hon. Abe Klein

fell all and ruin and distress were everywhere prevailing.

Private Klein soon afterwards came to Meridian, and has since been actively identified with the commercial growth of the State's metropolis. He was chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee at a time when such a position meant much to the white people of this section, and his mannerment of the situation was one of leniency to the Negro, as to success.

Justice Klein has been for twenty



Lide & Cheatham's drug store



Meridian Ice Factory

Mrs. President of the Jewish nation, has since the war been commended in the work of perpetuating the value of the Confederate soldier, and is today one of the pillars of the Confederate organization of this city. He is a member of a number of secret societies, and in these, as in everything else, he is always alive to what will promote their fraternal welfare.

Justice Klein was last year appointed Justice of the Peace by Governor McManis, and was a candidate for the same place before the people at recent Democratic primaries, and was tendered the nomination under very flattering circumstances. He will be elected at the regular election in November.

PALMER & KAYE

Proprietors of Two Ice Factories, and also Extensive Dealers in Coal

A very progressive firm is that of Palmer & Kaye. They have two ice factories in the city and are extensive dealers in domestic, steam and black-coal. They handle the best known varieties of coal among which are the celebrated Cahaba, Virginia and Alabama Splint, American, Gallows and Elk River.

As stated the firm operates two ice factories in the city, both of which have enormous outputs, and the quality of the product is of a high class.

Immense quantities of this ice are shipped out over the various railroads to supply the towns along the lines, and there is a great local demand for the output of these factories.

Messrs. Palmer & Kaye are both progressive business men, and conduct their business on business principles, to which in a measure is due the prosperity of their enterprise.

C. W. Burgess

A well known citizen, and a remarkably public-spirited one, is Mr. C. W. Burgess, one of Meridian's most extensive grocery dealers. He is a native of Alabama, but when a mere boy he removed with his parents and their family to Nottoway county, Mississippi, where he remained until about eleven years ago, when he came to Meridian and engaged in the grocery business. While in Nottoway county, Mr. Burgess was one of the most substantial

planters and merchants of that section. Besides his general stores he operated large plantations, and was looked upon as one of the very best citizens.

Coming to Meridian early in 1880, Mr. Burgess established himself in the grocery business and has been thus engaged with more or less success ever since. He carries a complete line of the choicest groceries all the time and caters to the best class of trade. The energy and determination with which he pushes his business is characteristic of the man, and the methods employed by him in the conduct of his business designated him a most capable and accomplished business man.

Realizing Mr. Burgess' great business



C. W. Burgess

ability the people of his ward have honored him by electing him to serve on the Board of Councilmen of the city. He is now finishing up his second term as a member of this board, and universal satisfaction has at all times resulted from his wise and careful consideration of all questions affecting the municipality. During his incumbency, Mr. Burgess has served on all the important committees, and has at all times been an active and painstaking official. He is at present a member of the Street Committee and the member of the Street Commission from the Board of Councilmen. The Street Commission was created by an act of the Legislature, and is composed of the Mayor, City Engineer, Street Overseer and a member from each of the municipal boards. Mr. Burgess has

given much of his time and attention to municipal affairs, and is as well posted on the methods of governing municipalities, perhaps, as any man in the city. He enjoys the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens to a marked degree, having made friends ever since becoming identified with the people of Meridian.

CITIZENS SAVINGS BANK

An Institution of Which All Meridian is Proud

A financial institution that has shown a remarkable growth since its establishment is the Citizens' Savings Bank, of Meridian. Its business is constantly increasing and improving, so much so in fact that it has recently found it necessary to erect a new building in order to secure enlarged and better equipped quarters. The Citizens' Savings Bank was established by local capitalists and that is the nature of all the capital employed in its operation. Mr. George W. Meyer, one of the most extensive dealers in jewelry and optical goods in this whole section, is President of the bank. Mr. Meyer is a resident of Meridian, but spends most of the heated term at his very pleasant summer home on Lookout Mountain.

The Vice-President is Hon. H. M. Street, who is President of the Meridian Street Railway & Power Company, and one of the most accomplished gentlemen in the South.

Mr. W. A. Brown is Cashier. Mr. Brown is a capable and experienced business man, always courteous and accommodating and enjoys an enviable position in the financial and commercial world. He is assisted in the discharge of the duties of Cashier by Mr. Henry G. Meyer, one of the cleverest and most popular young business men in the State. Mr. Meyer, like the other officers of the bank, takes an active interest in all matters looking to the advancement of his city, and has served with credit and distinction on the Board of Aldermen of the city. He is Treasurer of the Meridian Street Railway & Power Company, and also of the East Mississippi and West Alabama Fair Association. The employees of the bank are all courteous and competent and all business matters of their institution with which they have to do receives their closest and most careful attention.

The capital stock of the Citizens' Savings Bank has recently been increased to \$75,000,000. This, together with the magnificent building the bank has under course of erection, is an evidence of the healthy condition of its affairs and shows it to be a progressive and enterprising institution.

As will be seen from the picture printed herewith this new building presents a most imposing appearance and is modern in all its appointments. A solid granite front adorns the structure and the whole building is one of the most substantially built business houses in the city, to say nothing of its imposing beauty.

The second floor will be fitted up for the Standard Club rooms, the leading Jewish social organization of the city. The ground floor will contain the banking rooms and two stereorooms, all of which will be equipped with the latest and best conveniences.



The Citizens Savings Bank

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Largest and Strongest Financial Institution in the State

An institution of which the city of Meridian, and even the State of Mississippi, is really proud is the First National Bank. It is the pioneer bank of the city, and is one of the best financial institutions in the entire State. The bank's capital stock is \$120,000 and has a surplus of \$100,000. Home capital is employed in its operation, and each one of its officers is a citizen of Meridian.

The President, Capt. W. W. George, is one of the best known capitalists in the South, and has long been an honored resident of Meridian.

Mr. John Kaemper, the Vice-President, is extensively engaged in industrial enterprises throughout this section, and is well known and highly esteemed by his fellow citizens.

Mr. C. W. Robinson, of Meridian, is the Second Vice-President of the institution. Mr. Robinson is one of the leading capitalists of the South, and, like Mr. Kaemper, is engaged extensively in manufacturing and industrial enterprises, not only in this State, but in Alabama as well. Few men possess as much business energy or as sound business judgment as is possessed by Mr. Robinson, and few indeed have prospered as he has by their business qualifications.

Mr. Edwin McMorries, the clever and obliging Cashier, is a gentleman of exceptional good judgment and fine business sense. He is very popular in social circles as in the business world, and enjoys the perfect confidence of all who know him.

The Assistant Cashier, in the person of Mr. H. L. Bardwell, is a refined and courteous gentleman, and is highly efficient in the discharge of his duties.

The bank has an immense business that necessitates the employment of a large force of office assistants, and these are all selected with the utmost care and the highest regard for competency and fitness. The force is thus made as efficient as any bank could require, and all business matters are attended to with promptness and dispatch.

A feature of the bank's almost unparalleled prosperity may be noted in the deposits which have more than doubled in the past five years.

G. M. Heiss & Sons

The firm of G. M. Heiss & Sons, book-sellers and stationers, began business in 1883, and the business has increased from year to year, until now the store is the largest and most complete of its kind in the State, and both store and stock will compare favorably with any metropolitan establishment of like character.

Besides such goods that usually pertain to a business of this class, such as stationery of all grades, miscellaneous books, school supplies and stationers' fancy goods, they carry in stock kodaks, pictures, picture frames, dolls, toys, rubber stamps, athletic goods and a large and varied line of holiday goods in season. They carry blank books, office supplies, English and American periodicals, and musical instruments.

This house does a very large business in the city and are the recognized leaders in their line. In addition to the local business enjoyed by the firm, by careful attention to the business and by absolute fair dealing and the conscientious treatment of all customers, they have built up a very nice mail order business, which is constantly growing and improving.

The members of the firm are all high-toned Christian gentlemen and represent the acme of good citizenship.



G. M. Heiss & Sons

J. V. DEMENT

Printer and Stationer

The Best Equipped Office in the City for Prompt Execution of all Classes of Commercial Printing

Carries the Largest and Most Complete Stock of Stationery in the State

W. STREET...



Employees of M. R. Grant Lumber Co., one of the Largest Lumber Companies of the South in the South.

PLANTERS' COTTON COMPRESS

of the largest of the really large enterprises in and around Meridian is the Planters' Cotton Compress, owned and operated by the City Compress Company. Besides furnishing employment to a large number of persons, this concern has done more perhaps than any other single industry to advance Meridian's business interests and to increase the trade of the merchants and business institutions of the town. The members of the com-

pany are all progressive, up-to-date business men, and employ the best methods in the conduct of their business. Mr. A. S. Johnston, the President of the company, is one of the largest interior cotton buyers and exporters in a State of Mississippi. He has used every effort to work up and increase Meridian's trade in all branches, but especially in cotton, and he deserves no little credit for the enormous increase in business enjoyed by the city. This has in a large measure been due to his liberal handling of the Planters' Compress produce, since he became President of the company. Dr. C. C. King is Secretary and treasurer of the company, and is very diligent in the discharge of the duties resting upon him. Although liberal with their customers, each office works with energy and care to advance the company's interests, and the ready responsiveness of the business to their evidence of what judicious liberal business

Meridian has buyers, representing every cotton firm of any note in the south, and they are eager at all times to take all cotton offered and pay the very best prices for it.

As stated above, the Planters' Cotton Compress is one of the largest industries in this section, and no concern has contributed more materially to the general upbuilding of the town, nor more liberally to the convenience of the planters and merchants of the territory from which the city draws its trade. The Planters' Compress people are alert and watchful for the continued progress of the city and will never be found

with the position he now fills with such credit, in the way of suppressing lawlessness and rascality and keeping the city free from crooks and criminals. He is chief of the best police force in the State, each and every member thereof being thoroughly cognizant of every individual duty, and courageous enough to perform them without fear or favor at all times. Meridian policemen bear fine reputations for efficiency, honesty and intelligence, and they all have the utmost regard and good feeling toward their chief.



Herman Marks

The above photograph is supposed to represent Herman Marks, general solicitor of the Empire Laundry Company, on Fourth street. Mr. Marks is the special correspondent in Meridian and vicinity of a number of metropolitan newspapers, among the number being the Enquirer, of Cincinnati; the Chronicle, of St. Louis; Evening Telegram, of New York; Post, of Cincinnati; Herald, of New York; States, of New Orleans; Jewish Ledger, of New Orleans; Clarion Ledger, of Jacksonville. Mr. Marks has resided in Meridian, since 1870, and is fully identified with

Meridian, public-spirited and energetic, and stands high in the estimation of all who have made his acquaintance. He is a native of this State, having been born in Andle county, where he lived until he became 18 years old. Leaving the farm on which he was reared, Mr. Sharpe went to McComb City, where he was employed for several months. Mr. Sharpe came to Meridian from McComb City, but a short while afterwards he went over to Selma, Ala., where he was engaged

W. E. Sharpe

A wide-awake young business man of Meridian is Mr. W. E. Sharpe, who conducts a money lending business. He is a native of this State, having been born in Andle county, where he lived until he became 18 years old. Leaving the farm on which he was reared, Mr. Sharpe went to McComb City, where he was employed for several months. Mr. Sharpe came to Meridian from McComb City, but a short while afterwards he went over to Selma, Ala., where he was engaged



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in business on his own account. He remained in Selma about eight months, and decided to return to Meridian to identify himself with this city's interests. Accordingly he came back and has resided here continuously since. Embarking in business on his return to Meridian, he has steadily forged to the front until he now occupies a prominent place in commercial centers. He has conducted his business upon thorough business principles, and the result is, that he has prospered, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of a large circle of friends.

Mr. Sharpe has a fine home on a farm a few miles from Meridian, within the limits of the city, which he has cultivated each year, and derives therefrom a handsome revenue. He is a hustler when it comes to business, and treats all so courteously and is so accommodating that people find it a pleasure dealing with him. He is quite popular with his acquaintances and friends, and stands very high in social circles. Mr. Sharpe is one of the city's most promising young citizens.

Major S. B. Wilmoth

The best known restaurateur in

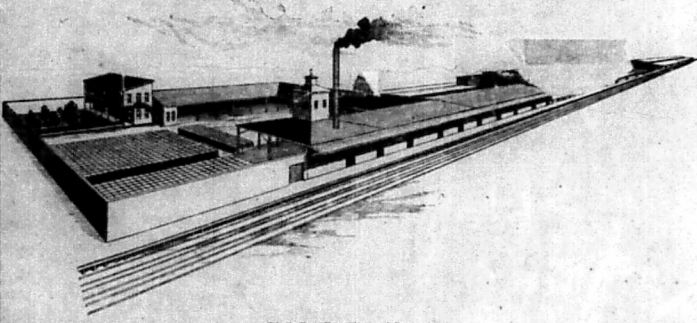
Meridian, perhaps, is Major S. B. Wilmoth, who conducts a thoroughly up-to-date restaurant and lunch stand. He has been engaged in that line of business for many, many years, and knows exactly how to cater to the general public, suiting all tastes and gratifying the most fastidious and exacting ideas as to the proper method of conducting such an establishment. He knows that absolute cleanliness is as necessary to



Major S. B. Wilmoth

the success of a public eating house as are expert, culinary artists and the choicest viands, but he also realizes that the three are quite necessary for the ultimate success of such establishments, and he makes them the special strong points in favor of his house. Everything is neat, clean and inviting; he employs only competent and experienced cooks and waiters and has prepared for his guests the very best eatables possible to procure. The Major's restaurant is a very popular eating place with the people of this section, and the short order service is its stronghold. Anything that is fit to eat can be secured here in the quickest time and with the least annoyance.

Major Wilmoth is a jovial and good-natured gentleman, one of those whom it is really a pleasure to know, and his friends are legion throughout this section.



Bird's Eye View Planters' Compress

indifferent nor lethargic when a proposition to advance the city's interests is up for consideration.

They have excellent facilities for handling the cotton entrusted to their care, and in no instance can it be said that satisfaction has failed to result from dealings with them. Their warehouses are all well protected against rain and fire, and cotton stored therein does not deteriorate as when left on open platforms or under sheds. This is quite an advantage in itself, not to mention the absolute safety with which it is held insured. They have about one-quarter of a mile of sidewalk extending along their warehouses and no difficulty whatever is experienced in unloading any quantities of cotton.

W. R. Nelson, Chief of Police

Chief of Police W. R. Nelson is a native of Choctaw county, Alabama, but his parents removed to Lockhart, in this county and State, in the year 1872, when he was quite young. He was raised on a farm, and has been most successful all his life. He came to Meridian in 1886, and has resided here continuously ever since, and has always been considered an ideal citizen. He became very popular with Meridian people and five years ago they elected him to the office of City Marshal and Chief of Police. He has served two terms in that capacity and is now on the third, having been re-elected the second time last year. Great satisfaction to everybody has resulted from Mr. Nelson's incumbency, and he is perhaps more popular today than ever. Faithfulness and fidelity to every trust reposed in him by his constituents has characterized this excellent officer's conduct on every occasion, and it is most gratifying to his warmest friends to note the great esteem in which he is held by all.

Mr. Nelson has done good work and lots of it since having been honored

Meridian's growth. He will appreciate your work entrusted to him for the Empire Laundry Company.

Gus C. Kendall

Fifteen years ago Mr. Gus C. Kendall, then a mere boy, in casting around for his avocation in life became infatuated with the drug business and secured a position as bottle washer and general rube in one of the drug stores of this city. In a few months he was promoted to a better position, being trusted with more responsibilities. After a little over a year in this score, he was given a position with the firm of Kimbrough & Estland. He remained with that firm until the withdrawal of Mr. Estland, and then he remained in the employ of Mr. Kimbrough until he became a partner under the firm name of Kim-



J. M. Calne

brough & Kendall, during which time a branch store was opened, and eventually caused the dissolution of the firm, each going it alone.

About six years he has since been associated with Kimbrough & Kendall, during which time

conduct right in it. He says he would not live at any place but Meridian, and feels his interests as much as any citizen of the city. He has an experienced graduate in the person of Mr. C. L. Maggus, whom any prescription or compound can be entrusted with safety.

J. M. Calne

Mr. J. M. Calne is a native of the Isle of Man, where he received a primary education. He removed to Liverpool, England, early in life and finished school there. Then he entered the service of Swanson, Cairns & Co., the big cotton concern of Liverpool, and served an apprenticeship that prepared him for a successful career in the cotton business. During the winter of 1886 the firm sent Mr. Calne to their office in Mobile, Ala., where he served for two years in their employ. Leaving the Mobile office, Mr. Calne came to Meridian and became the firm's representative for East Mississippi, where he has been continuously since, except two years spent in Galveston in the service of his company. He returned to Meridian in 1890 and resumed his career as the representative of the Swanson-Cairns concern for East Mississippi. He has remained here continuously since returning. Mr. Calne is a very extensive cotton buyer, and besides being the representative of this big Liverpool concern, has correspondents in Germany, France, Spain and Russia, in all the Eastern markets and Atlantic cities and in all the towns of East Mississippi and West Alabama. He is thus placed in position to take care of all the business possible for him to secure.

For the past year, Mr. J. A. Swanson, son of the senior member of Mr. Calne's Liverpool corresponding firm, has been associated with him here, and will remain during the present season. Mr. Calne is a valuable citizen of



Chief of Police W. R. Nelson

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This gives the plant an immense storage capacity and affords a great convenience to planters and to the business men in the town of Meridian territory. Free storage is given in the cotton handling people of this territory by these warehouses, which alone has been of inestimable value in drawing trade and business to this center that formerly went to other places. The warehouses were built in the interest of the Meridian trade and they have quite fully accomplished their purpose. Merchants throughout this territory can now ship their cotton to the Planters' Compress billed to themselves and avoid the risk of loading to any bank of the city. A bank will accept warehouse bills, and cotton is insured in the same manner as in the case of any other property.

The Water System and Service



The City Bountifully Supplied
With as Pure and Sparkling a
Water as Can Be Found
Anywhere in the Southern
States

Meridian is favored with its water system, and it is quite to say that this is one of the most important of several things that combine to make Meridian one of the very healthiest cities in the whole country. As generous a company as ever owned a franchise co-operate in every movement looking to the general improvement of Meridian and its advancement in public favor as a place of residence, and so ever on the lookout for opportunities to add to the efficiency of the water system. In fact, so harmoniously have the people, the company and the city acted in all matters pertaining to each, individually and their general interests, collectively, that the entire water system and service may now be termed perfect, and consistently so, even in the most insignificant detail.

The source of supply is a series of perpetual springs, naturally situated, high in the lofty and picturesque hills

vegetation line, thus keeping the water in the reservoir free from injurious contact with contaminating vegetable matter or any sort of objectionable vegetation. The reservoir is surrounded with a storm ditch, which prevents impure or objectionable water from seeping or otherwise gaining entrance into the main body. The storm ditch is of sufficient depth to preclude the possibility of an overflow, and is a perfect drain. The walls of the reservoir

house, from which the water is pumped throughout the city. The water as it comes down from the reservoir is taken from the top and is piped the entire distance to the city. The pipes run under the basin, from which the city is directly supplied, and come up in the center. The water is aerated by falling into an apron surrounding the pipes. This prevents any commotion or disturbance in the basin, but even that would not effect the cleanness or purity of the water now, for the fact that the basin is lined and vaulted up with brick. The basin is perfectly equipped with drain pipes and all attachments that tend to make the plant perfect. This basin holds about 1,000,000 gallons of water, while the large reservoir's capacity is 125,000,000 gallons.

The pump house is perfectly equipped with the best and most modern machinery and is of enormous capacity. It is equipped with three large and excellent pumps, which work jointly or independently. The three pumps are capacitated to force 6,500,000 gallons of water in twenty-four hours. The domestic pressure is sixty pounds to the square inch. The fire pressure ranges from 100 to 150 pounds per square inch as the case may require. Three large bellows are also worked in the plant, and while all of them are not used constantly, they are kept in readiness



Pumping Station, Meridian Water Works

The water sheds above the main reservoir are all fenced so as to exclude stock, and the water is thus prevented from becoming contaminated by the depredations of animals. All vegetable matter is also carefully removed from the course.

The grounds along this water route are very pretty and pleasant, being free from underbrush, etc., and shaded beautifully by the larger trees.

H. K. Foster

Constable H. K. Foster was born and raised at Louisville, in Winston county,

being elected at each recurring election. He has gained strength ever since his first installation in office here, and was nominated in the first of the recent double primaries, receiving more votes in Meridian than any other man whose name was on the ticket. This is a measure shows the growing popularity of this clever gentleman and efficient officer.

Mr. Foster has built a comfortable home just outside the northern limits of the city, and he lives happily with an interesting family who are loved and esteemed by the people of the neighborhood. Mr. Foster, himself, is an honorable, high-toned gentleman, always respecting that which is right and condemning wrong, and has reared his family with due care.

Buchanan & Gressett

A concern that is fast advancing in importance in business circles of this section is the real estate and fire insurance agency of Buchanan & Gressett in Meridian. Although the firm has been in existence but a few months it has built up a good business, and

one of the most successful and increasing of the firm are two young men well known throughout this section. They have lived in Meridian for several years, and are excellent young gentlemen of great popularity in all circles, business and social. They are well qualified for business pursuits, and possess much energy and progressive views.

Mr. J. L. Gressett was born in Chickasaw county, Mississippi, where he was reared and educated. He came to Meridian about twelve years ago, and has held various and responsible positions. He equipped himself for a business career, and has the brightest prospects for success.

Mr. J. L. Gressett, son of W. C. Gressett, and grandson of Rev. A. Gressett, mention of whom is made elsewhere in this publication, is one of the city's most excellent young men. He was born in Newton, Mississippi, and has been living in Meridian for the past twelve or fifteen years. He is a bright young man, having the full confidence of all who know him, and prosperity and advancement in the business world are all that could be hoped for by any one.



Main Reservoir, Meridian Water Works



Vademont, Meridian Water Works Co.



H. K. Foster

of the east of the city. The springs flow the year round and furnish a supply of water that is practically inexhaustible.

The water, as it flows from these beautiful springs, is as clear as crystal, and as cool and refreshing as anyone need hope to find. It is absolutely free from injurious salts or mineral substances, and is simply a pure, sparkling water, delightfully refreshing and satisfying.

From the springs the water flows down a babbling brook, through a natural sand course until within half a mile of the immense reservoir, when it enters and passes through a brick-lined continuation of the canal, reaching the reservoir as cool, pure and sparkling as it flows from the springs.

The reservoir is about two miles from the city, and in area covers forty acres. The walls are lined with large flat rocks which extends to below the

at the top slope in a storm ditch, and the water in the reservoir, for the very simple reason that it is not allowed to enter after it falls to the ground.

Gates have been constructed on the canal above the reservoir so that if the water at any time becomes muddy from excessive rains or melting snow it can be turned from the canal into the storm ditch and thus conveyed around the reservoir. These gates insure good, clear water all the time.

The elevation of the reservoir is such that no force is required to convey the water to the basin near the pump

for immediate use, and the great efficiency of the operators has more than once been tested, but in each case they have shown themselves equal to every emergency. The plant is an efficient one, and the people of the city appreciate the fact. It is extensively patronized by the citizens and institutions and enterprises of the city, all of whom are well satisfied with the service rendered.

Mr. J. H. Stoltzfus is superintendent of the works, and is well fitted for the position. He is a gentleman of good business judgment and is courteous and accommodating at all times. Although he has only been a resident of Meridian a short time, having come here from Chattanooga, Tenn., he is very popular in social circles and is highly esteemed by the business community. Considerable improvements, additions and extensions have been made in the plant since his selection for the superintendency, and he has always shown himself to be fully capable of looking after the company's as well as their patron's interests. Mr. Stoltzfus is genial and agreeable socially and commands the respect and admiration of all with whom he has dealings.

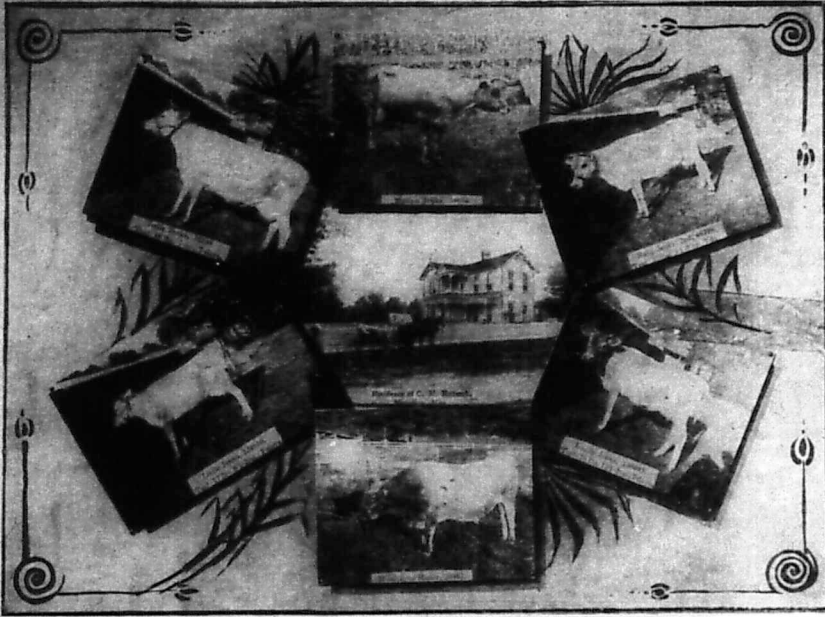
There are upwards of twenty miles of water mains laid in the city, and fire plugs are placed at convenient intervals in all portions of the town. The mains range in size from sixteen inches down to four inches.

Mississippi, and at the age of 20 years was elected constable of his county district. Afterwards, in addition to being constable, he was elected marshal of his town and served in the dual capacity for about eight years. He served about fourteen years as constable in Winston, and came to Meridian about seventeen years ago.

After having been here less than two years, he was elected constable to fill the unexpired term of Constable Ball. Since that time Mr. Foster has served continuously in that capacity,



Reservoir No. 2, and Fountain, Meridian Water Works



A GREAT HERD OF JERSEYS

The accompanying cut represents a view of the Madam Jenk's herd of Jerseys, owned by Mr. C. M. Rubush of this city. The herd was founded by the purchase of Madam Jenks, 54,694, in October, 1884, as a calf. There is now in the herd forty-one females besides eight that have been sold, making in all forty-nine females, the increase of one cow in fifteen years, with about the same number of males. This herd

has now in it three daughters, ten granddaughters and one great granddaughter, with seven-day tests ranging from 14 pounds 1½ ounces to 23 pounds 4½ ounces, as follows:

Pearl Jenk, 50,854, test 14 pounds 14 ounces.
 Ruby Jenk, 56,862, test 18 pounds three ounces.
 Pearl Jenk II, 68,968, test 18 pounds 10 ounces.
 Jodie Jenk, 76,739, test 18 pounds 7 ounces.
 Pearl Jenk III, 84,869, test 15 pounds three ounces.
 Pearl Jenk IV, 84,872, test 14 pounds 1½ ounces.

Ruby Jenk II, 46,778, test 23 pounds 3½ ounces.

Ruby Jenk III, 84,868, test 23 pounds 4½ ounces.

Ruby Jenk IV, 84,871, test 18 pounds 5 ounces.

Ruby Jenk V, 110,094, test 14 pounds 11 ounces.

Little Jenk, 124,610, test 17 pounds 8½ ounces.

Mattie Jenk, 124,611, test 16 pounds 6½ ounces.

Hazel Jenk, 110,862, test 19 pounds 3½ ounces.

Lucile Jenk, 138,466, the great-granddaughter, in a fourteen-day test made thirty-three pounds 6½ ounces.

In this herd a cow is neither blown up nor allowed to go two or three days without milking to show a large udder, but are milked at 6 a. m. and 6 p. m. each day regularly, and no animal will be kept in the herd that will not make the standard amount, fourteen pounds of butter per week when wanted to do so.

M. Rubush is the man who has built many of the finest buildings to be seen in East Mississippi and West Alabama, he being perhaps the most extensive contractor in the State. He executes thousands and thousands of dollar-worth of contracts every year, and has

a large establishment in Meridian where he handles rough and dressed lumber, laths, shingles, sash, doors, black-swinging doors, cut windows, porches, and all other building material. He is agent for Montague & Co., sewer pipes, and Longview Lime Works. He has long been identified with the interests of the city of Meridian, and the town knows no better or more public-spirited citizen. He is a vigorous worker in the city's behalf, and has accomplished much good for the immediate town and surrounding territory.

The Troy Steam Laundry

The Troy Steam Laundry is an institution that Meridian people look upon with a degree of pride that must be gratifying to its bustling and energetic proprietor, Mr. W. H. Howard, one of the most widely and favorably known citizens of the State. Mr. Howard purchased the laundry about two years ago, and since that time has made a reputation for his enterprise that is the envy of all competitive establishments. When Mr. Howard secured the plant, it was not strictly up-to-date in all its appointments, but that cannot be said of it now. There now is not a machine in the entire house that is not

of the very latest make and most approved pattern, and they have all been installed since Mr. Howard's purchase not more than two years ago. The change has been gradual, but each improvement has been a great one. Every old machine in the laundry has been replaced by modern ones and the establishment is now considered one of the best equipped of its kind in the State.

A large force of experienced and competent employees are required to handle the work done by this laundry, and none but the most skillful hands are employed. This insures the very highest class of work and absolute satisfaction to all patrons is the result in each instance.

The Troy Laundry, through the efficient management of its proprietor, has built up an express patronage larger than that enjoyed by any other laundry in the State, and this class of business is increasing very rapidly. It is Mr. Howard's purpose always to please his customers in the prompt delivery of work, as well as to give them the highest class of service, and he seldom if ever falls short of that aim. The capacity of the establishment has been increased 50 per cent since Mr. Howard purchased it, which makes an excellent showing when the vast improvements in the equipment are also considered.

Personally, Mr. Howard is well known and highly respected throughout the States of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, and he has many friends and acquaintances throughout the entire country. He is a prominent member of almost every fraternal society, and attends nearly all the grand lodge meetings of the societies to which he belongs.

He takes an active interest in all questions pertaining to the city's moral and material advancement, and his cooperation is always sought when such questions are being considered.

S. J. Webb

Without doubt the best posted shoe man in the business in the State today is Mr. S. J. Webb, who conducts a well appointed and thoroughly up-to-date shoe store in this city. He is a native of Alabama, but came to this State when a young boy. He became a Mississippian by adoption in 1878, and three years later came to Meridian and engaged in the shoe business, continuing the business in a most successful manner until 1887, when he closed out his stock to accept a position as traveling salesman for the Brown Shoe Company, of St. Louis. This company had learned of Mr. Webb's complete and thorough knowledge of the shoe business and trade, and tendered him the

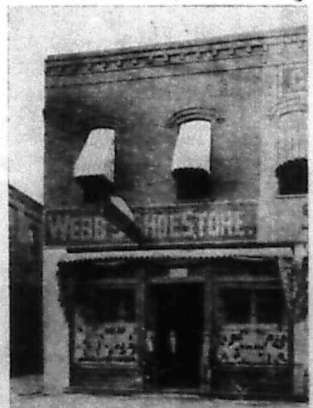
position. He remained in the employ of this firm, rendering excellent service, until he resigned the position to accept a better one with the Wertheimer-Swartz Shoe Company, of the same city in 1892. Mr. Webb continued in the employ of the latter concern until the fall of the year 1897. Resigning this place, he returned to Meridian and again embarked in the shoe business, establishing the newest exclusive shoe house in the State. He is still conducting this business here, and has always kept it strictly abreast with the times and modern in every detail.

Having such extended experience and

so complete a knowledge of the shoe business, Mr. Webb is peculiarly qualified for the successful conduct of such a business, and it is this that enables him to secure the trade that his business enjoys. He has built up a magnificent trade and his store is very popular with the public. When a person looking for anything in shoes, knows he can find it at Webb's, he finds just what he wants, too. It is well known fact that Mr. Webb carries the most complete and best a stock of shoes in the State of Mississippi, with the exception, and remarkable success, a natural result of his honest methods.



The Troy Steam Laundry



S. J. Webb's Shoe Store

LOWI BROS.

The firm of Lowi Bros. succeeded the old firm of I. Rosenbaum & Co. in this city many years ago, and since that time the Lowis have conducted a most prosperous general mercantile house. The Lowi brothers came to Meridian perhaps twenty years ago and entered the employment of the firm which they afterwards succeeded. These gentlemen were always energetic and industrious and have climbed to success in the mercantile business through their hard efforts and intelligent management of their affairs. Lowi Bros. are known by everybody throughout this



S. Lowi

section, who recognize in them one of the most progressive firms to be found.

They carry a large and well selected stock of everything in their line, and have a most complete grocery department. Goods are sold at both wholesale and retail and fine inducements are offered buyers who are looking for low prices and good "ones. The goods handled are always reliable and it is this probably that has done most toward building up the large volume of business now enjoyed by the house.

Lowi Bros. are large buyers of cotton and produce and are always in the markets offering the very highest prices. The high prices paid for produce at this store and the low prices charged for goods renders the stock very popular with the country people who come to Meridian to trade.

The entire second floor of this large establishment is devoted to the wholesale department, and an immense volume of this class of business is done.

The first floor is devoted to the retail trade, and is always thronged with customers eager to buy the goods at prices offered. This department is aided over by Mr. S. Lowi, senior member of the firm, his nephew, Mr. S. Lowi, junior member of the firm, a recently came into the business upon the death of his father, Mr. I. W. and Mrs. Emma Ferrer, and Mrs. J. C. Rice, T. J. White, Dave A. A. Muskovitz and M. L. Atwood, whom are competent and cour-



Isaac Lowi

teous salesmen, and treat the house's customers with the greatest consideration.

One of the largest and prettiest lines of millinery carried in the city can be found in this store, and the proprietors pride themselves especially upon the elegant line of exquisite dress goods and accessories handled.

They occupy a magnificent store with solid glass front and keep right in the foremost rank of commercial progressiveness.

IKE LOWI

Mr. Ike Lowi is one of the youngest men in business for himself in town. He is the junior member of the well known wholesale and retail mercantile firm of Lowi Bros. This young gentleman is barely 21 years of age, but he

is remarkably well posted on all forms of business, and has a very bright future before him. He was born and raised in Meridian, his father having been the late L. Lowi, who died in the early part of the summer of 1890. Mr. Ike Lowi, being the oldest son, naturally came in for his father's interest in the business, and has shown ability and disposition to carry the responsibility of the large estate with grace and ease. He thoroughly understands every detail of the business, having been brought right up in the store, where he was enabled to acquaint himself with the best business methods, and he has a very large circle of friends, who appreciate his many characteristics and gentle bearing.

Mr. Ike Lowi serves in the capacity of cashier and fills the position with credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned. He is obliging and courteous with all and enjoys the complete confidence of his business associates, as well as friends and patrons.

J. C. RICE

Mr. J. C. Rice is a popular and highly respected citizen of Meridian, having lived here seven or eight years. He is native of Nottoway county, where he lived until about 20 years old. He received his early education in the common schools of that county, and later graduated at the Mississippi College at Clinton.

He is a very efficient accountant and has been employed as bookkeeper in the big store of Lowi Bros. for about two years. He is an excellent young man and all who know him are his

He moved to Meridian and built a comfortable home. He accepted a position with the extensive mercantile house of Lowi Bros., where he has served with great satisfaction to his employers as well as to the customers of these big stores. Mr. White is a competent salesman and a progressive



T. J. White

business man, a high-toned, cultivated gentleman and a most valuable citizen. He is thoroughly identified with the interests of the city of Meridian, and being a native of the county takes great pride in the town's development. He realizes that Meridian is ahead of any town in enterprise and progressiveness, and has an abiding faith in its future.

Mr. White is well posted on all classes of trade and knows how to cater to the tastes of all. He has a



Lowi Bros.

friends, so kindly and courteously does he treat all.

Since accepting the position at Lowi's, Mr. Rice has had a splendid opportunity to make friends of all the most prominent people of the country, being thrown with them through the great popularity of his house. Mr. Rice has taken advantage of every opportunity to increase his acquaintance, and is fast becoming exceedingly popular throughout a large scope of territory.

He has a happy home, where are his brightest hopes for continued domestic happiness, a wife and a fine little boy, who has seen only a few weeks of this world's life.

What Mr. Rice has acquired has been through his own determined and intelligently directed efforts, and he deserves a great deal of credit for having risen to the high station in social and business circles that he has attained in so short a time.

T. J. WHITE

Mr. T. J. White is a native of Landerdale county and has all the praiseworthy characteristics of a son of this grand old county. Mr. White was raised on a farm, and being left fatherless by the death of his father early in life, the young man assumed heavy responsibilities, the care of the family devolving upon him. He showed remarkable thrift and industry, and besides providing all comforts and pleasures for his loved ones, he managed the farm with such mastery ability that he soon acquired considerable means.

very extensive acquaintance throughout this territory and his friends are numerous in every town, village and hamlet hereabouts.

DAVE STEIN

Mr. Dave Stein is a clever young gentleman employed at Lowi Bros.' big stores in Meridian and is a rattling good salesman. He has been a resident of Meridian for several years and has identified himself with the city's every interest. He is stock keeper at the large stores where he is employed, and his great competency for the po-



Dave Stein

sition is evidenced by the well assorted and superb stock always to be found there. He knows what the people of this section want and need and he is careful that no one is allowed to have his piece of business with any degree

of disappointment at not being able to secure what they were looking for. He sees to it that Lowi Bros. has it in stock all the time and he keeps it fresh and right up-to-date.

In business Mr. Stein is very energetic and wide-awake to every opportunity. Personally he is courteous and accommodating, and quite a favorite in social circles.

He has extensive experience in all branches of trade and his integrity has won for him more than ordinary success in life. On his arrival in Meridian he became impressed with the town's prospects for future greatness in a commercial sense, and decided to remain here. The subsequent growth and rapid advancement of the city in public favor has demonstrated the reliability of his judgment. He is unusually well equipped for a business career, possessing energy, intelligence and courage, to a degree that insures success in almost any undertaking.

The Meridian Gas Light Co.

The Meridian Gas Light Company has long been one of the city's recognized prominent enterprises, and of late it seems to have acquired new life, additional and renewed energy, and is giving a service that is universally satisfactory. The public appreciate the efforts the company is making to keep the service up to the standard of perfectness, and are showing their appreciation through a liberal patronage and substantial support.

The gas works was established many years ago and has constantly added to its equipment for the manufacture of

and located in the country near Hattiesburg, on the Mobile & Ohio railroad. Mr. McDade attended the common schools of his county until he was about 17 years of age, and then received a pretty fair common school education. At the age of 18 he commenced railroading, doing his first work of that kind on the Mobile & Ohio road. Later he secured a position with the Plant System and went to Florida to work for them.

Returning to Mississippi he took position on the Mobile & Ohio, and was always considered a careful and thoroughly reliable employee, enjoying the confidence of his employers to the fullest extent.

He quit railroading in 1894 and embarked in the furniture business, which he conducted through 1895, 1896



B. McDade

became a member of the police force in 1896 and served a year, after which he went on the road, traveling in the interest of a furniture house for two years. Upon the resignation of the tax collector last year, Mr. McDade was tendered the position he now holds. Mr. McDade has shown himself to be a careful and competent official, and has won the admiration of his constituents by his thorough business methods and strict performance of his duties.

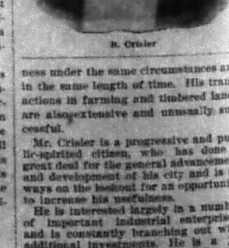


R. Crisler

Mr. Crisler embarked in the real estate business at Meridian on Mar. 1, 1898, and the success that has attended him is simply phenomenal, dating from the announcement of his intention. He confines his operations in the city exclusively to buying, selling, and it can be said of him that no real estate dealer in town has done so great a volume of satisfactory business under the same circumstances and in the same length of time. His transactions in farming and timbered lands are also extensive and unusually successful.

Mr. Crisler is a progressive and public-spirited citizen, who has done a great deal for the general advancement and development of his city and is always on the lookout for an opportunity to increase his usefulness.

He is interested largely in a number of important industrial enterprises, and is constantly branching out with additional investments. He is a judicious investor, a careful and competent manager, and his investment money has already earned great proportions it is ever his prospects most cheerful.



B. McDade

illuminating gas and fuel until its capacity is now great and its entire service perfect.

There is much gas used in this city for illuminating purposes, and the demand for it for fuel is rapidly growing. The management of the plant is pushing the gas for the latter purpose especially now, and hopes to ultimately install it in all the leading homes of the city.

Mr. H. L. McKee, formerly of Selma, Ala., is President and General Manager for the company, and during the brief period of his residence here has made many friends among the best people of the town, who recognize in him a most excellent citizen. In addition Mr. McKee was very prominent in the commercial and political affairs of the State, taking an active interest in every movement that tended to advance the interests of the State as a whole, or to the upbuilding of his immediate section.

The business of his company has greatly increased and considerable improvements have been made in the service since Mr. McKee has been in charge. He takes especial pains to see that all customers are pleased at all times, and the quick response to calls and investigation of complaints is doing much towards accomplishing the aims of Mr. McKee to build the business up to what it should be.

B. McDade

City Tax Collector B. McDade was born at Mount Rogers, Montgomery county, Alabama, which is the fashionable and winter resort of the capital city of the State. When he was only four years old his parents removed to Kemper county, Mississippi,

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Meridian,

Mississippi.

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Special attention is given to locating its graduates in good business positions.



Prof. J. J. Ferguson, President

A institution of learning has been established in Meridian, Miss., for a number of years. It is becoming better known every day that this college is located in one of the healthiest cities in the State, where facilities are splendid and business lines are carried on. This college is being conducted by President J. J. Ferguson, as made it a success from the very first day he began. A distinct feature of the college is that it has no vacation and holds sessions day and night, especially during the fall and



Queen City Business College

winter. Young men and ladies are prepared for business and assisted to good situations after the preparation is made. This college will do as much as any school in the South towards securing splendid places for its graduates. Its pupils are found holding desirable places throughout Mississippi and adjoining States. It is the constant aim of the management of this college to teach every branch in its respective courses in such a practical way that the student's transition from the school room to a position is an easy one. The college is indorsed by merchants, lawyers, Superintendents of Education and former pupils, and patronage is solicited throughout the entire business community. All of the adjuncts are procured in all of the departments, to give the very best advantages, and wide-awake, experienced, practical teachers are employed; and latest up-to-date methods and system are adopted.

Every teacher makes a specialty of the subject assigned to him. Penmanship is taught by one of the best penmen in the South. Commercial law and lectures is given by a regular practicing attorney. Bookkeeping is taught by teachers of experience, both in teaching and business. Shorthand and typewriting taught by a teacher who has been specially trained for

teaching. Mathematic and other branches taught by wide-awake, live teachers, those who are hustlers. Every teacher knows that to succeed they must interest the students in their work, so they exert themselves to the utmost in the student's behalf.

With such a passport as a diploma from this college one is prepared to enter any business and assume the duties of the most difficult position with every assurance that he can meet every requirement. Notwithstanding this college has heretofore been the largest and best equipped commercial school in the State, it has made some additions to accommodate its pupils. Those desiring a business education will find the advantages at this institution unsurpassed and its rates are very reasonable. Students can matriculate any week day in the year.

From a prominent bookkeeper who has had twelve years' experience as commercial teacher and head bookkeeper for L. H. Arkley for the past two years:

Office of J. J. Ferguson, Meridian, Miss., Aug. 20, 1908.
Prof. J. J. Ferguson, Meridian, Miss.:

Dear Sir—Young men trained for typewriting, stenography, bookkeeping, commercial law, and general office work, have become such necessities for

all official and business occasions, that the business college has become now as indispensable as any other educational institution. From my personal knowledge of the practical work being done in your institution, it is admirably filling its mission in this branch of education, and is daily furnishing bookkeepers, stenographers and clerks for large mercantile houses and offices of various kinds. It affords me genuine pleasure to add my testimony to the worth of your college, as one of the valued institutions of our city. I have had twelve years experience as commercial teacher, and to my personal observation commercial colleges have not only revolutionized the way of doing business and keeping good office, but like machines have greatly facilitated, systemized and lightened the work upon the head of large business and professional offices. May your college continue to prosper.

Yours truly,

A. C. COOPER.

From ex-postmaster of Meridian and General Manager Martin Machine Works:

Meridian, Miss., Aug. 20, 1908.
Prof. J. J. Ferguson, Meridian, Miss.:

Dear Sir—I take pleasure in testifying to the merits of your institution. The young lady whom we employed from your school as stenographer in



"Desires for Knowledge"

our office has given us entire satisfaction. Her work reflects credit upon your institution. From my personal observation your institution is daily furnishing bookkeepers, stenographers and clerks for large mercantile houses and offices of various kinds. I take pleasure in recommending your school. A young people of the South. Yours truly,
E. J. MARTIN.

Office of O. Lillybeck,
Meridian, Miss., Nov. 29, 1908.
Prof. J. J. Ferguson:

Dear Sir—It affords me great pleasure to testify to the thoroughness of your institution. The young man I employed from your school a few weeks ago as bookkeeper and stenographer is holding the position very satisfactorily. His work and especially his writing gives credit to your college. Respectfully,
O. LILLYBECK.



Business Practice

A. J. Lyon & Co.

There are a number of wholesale grocery houses in Meridian, but none of them enjoy a larger volume or better sale of trade than A. J. Lyon & Co. This progressive firm is constantly increasing the territory from which the business is secured is widening daily.

Since the establishment of this house, Mr. A. J. Lyon, who is at the head of the concern, has been very active and industrious in building up a substantial trade, and in all probability he has far exceeded his most sanguine expectations, and has realized a far greater degree of success than he formerly dared hope to achieve. It is a fact that the business of this house has more than doubled within the past few months, which is a well merited compliment to the energy and push that characterizes Mr. Lyon's every business life, a generous reward for his sterling qualifications as a business man.

A. J. Lyon & Co. do a wholesale business exclusively and make no effort whatever to acquire retail patronage. They handle a most complete line of both staple and fancy groceries and do general jobbing business. They make a specialty of fruits and pro-



A. J. Lyon

duce, and are extensive manufacturers of candy.

Recently the business of the firm reached such large proportions that they found it necessary to secure enlarged quarters. They were already in a very commodious building on Second street, but the increase in the volume of their business was so large and so rapid that it necessitated an almost immediate change. The magnificent Bannock block was the best available house. In fact, it is one of the largest and best houses in the city—and was purchased by the firm outright. The

business was transferred to this building, where it is now conducted:

Mr. Lyon is a young gentleman, well fitted for the conduct of so large a business and has the brightest prospects for continued prosperity. He is a hustler, too, and is well known and highly esteemed throughout the entire section of country from which his house draws its trade. He is a vigorous worker and a careful manager, and that he should continue to prosper is not an unnatural prospect.

Socially, Mr. Lyon enjoys an unusual popularity, but it is well deserved, for he is genial and cordial with all, and never loses an opportunity to speak an encouraging word or do an act of kindness. He makes friends of all with whom he becomes acquainted, and he is looked upon as a young man of exceptional bright promise for the future.

J. Norville Allen

Mr. J. N. Allen, a veteran cotton man, is a native of Baldwin county, Alabama, who came to Meridian some fourteen or fifteen years ago, and has since been one of the town's most enthusiastic citizens. He went to Mobile, Ala., in 1877, and became connected with one of the best cotton houses in the Gulf City, where he served his apprenticeship. He remained in Mobile for about nine years, and then came to Meridian, connected with Swanson, Cairnes & Co. of Liverpool, and remained with them for twelve years, when he retired to enter the field on his own account.

The first season that came on him after he commenced to go it alone was a severe one, but he stood the reverse with remarkable imperturbability, and came out with less scars than any other man in the State in the same business.

Mr. Allen has correspondents in all the markets, but has limits to his dealings, and he is considered a very safe and solid man. His success has characterized his life, and he has through life, and his prospects for the future



J. Norville Allen

are as bright as has been his commercial career in the past.

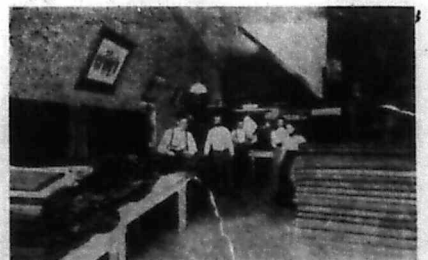
He is wide awake and energetic in business, and as a citizen is all that could be required of any one. He is charitable and progressive, and commands the complete confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens.

P. A. Carlson

Mr. Carlson located in Meridian over eight years ago. At the time he made his advent he did not have a single acquaintance. Nevertheless, he relied upon his knowledge of the tailoring business to bring him a liberal share of

intelligent patronage, and upon this principle, zealously discharging every contract honestly and continuously, he has made such attainments in his calling that renders his tailoring establishment one of the most popular in the city, and his acquaintances, yes his friends are numbered by hundreds throughout Meridian and at all points on the railroad continuous. He carries a magnificent selection of piece goods, "not snooty," as you can see and select and buy at everyone's.

As being strict, select an imported piece of goods get it and not an imitation. The accompanying cut of his establishment does not by any means convey a proper conception of the arrangement of his establishment. He works quite a number of hands the year round, always turning out his work with promptness. He recently deemed it expedient to add to his business a ladies' tailoring annex, and success is also routing his efforts in this channel. Ladies desiring a first-class tailor-made suit should visit Carlson. Every indication points to Carlson as the coming tailor of Meridian.



P. A. Carlson, Tailor



A. J. Lyon & Co.

THE MERIDIAN BAR



Hon. F. G. Lewis

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Hon. F. G. Lewis was born in Sumter county, Alabama, and received his education in the schools of Alabama and Mississippi. He was granted license to practice law by Judge Samuel H. Terrell, and began the practice in this city. He has applied himself closely to his books and now ranks with the best lawyers at the bar, and he has achieved success in his profession. Mr. Lewis has a nice suite of offices in this city, and his library and all office equipment are modern and complete. He is well versed in law in all its phases and enjoys an extensive and lucrative practice. He has acquired and accumulated property, and is numbered as one of the section's most and most substantial citizens.

Mr. Lewis needs no introduction to the people of this section, as he is well known and commands the respect and esteem of all. There is nothing better that could be said of him than that he is one of the most successful members of a family that knows nothing but success.

Miller & Baskin

The law firm of Miller & Baskin is one of the best known legal partnerships in the city. The firm is composed of Mr. W. E. Miller and Mr. W. E. Baskin.

Mr. Miller is a man of modernly equipped every business with dispatch and satisfaction to themselves and clients. They employ a competent and adequate office force and promptness is a special feature with them when promptness is desired by their clients.

Mr. Miller was born in Rankin county, Mississippi, and came to Meridian a number of years ago. He is one of the most prominent men in the State, and possesses all the requisite qualities of a gentleman and a good citizen. He is a capable attorney and an honor to his profession. He is popular in political circles and enjoys the confidence of his fellow citizens to an extent that is seldom acquired. He is the Chairman of the Democratic State Executive



Mr. W. E. Baskin

Committee, and fills the place with credit to himself and honor to his party. He takes an active interest in local, State and National politics in behalf of Democracy, but has never asked any favors of the party for individual interests. He has neither allowed his friends to thrust the honor of holding public office upon him, but is always found fighting for the best interests of the whole organization.

Mr. W. E. Baskin is a native of Chickasaw county, born and raised on a plantation. Later, however, he took up the study of law, and being of more than ordinary intelligence he very rapidly acquired a thorough knowledge of the study, and is today among the leading lawyers of the State. He is an accomplished and polished gentleman and is numbered among the State's best citizens. Mr. Baskin came here about eleven years ago, though he was a member of the firm of Miller & Baskin of this city, a year before Mr. Miller representing the firm here. Since his removal to this city, Mr. Baskin has steadily climbed in the estimation of the people who know him and he now holds an exalted place in their regard.

He has no taste for politics and has never sought political preferment, rather holding aloof from political influences. He has, however, been hon-



Wm. M. Hall

ored time and again through the thrusting of non-political public positions upon him by his fellow citizens in such cordial manner that it would have been considered bad taste had he declined them. Mr. Baskin at present is attorney for the city of Meridian, which place came unsought and he is filling the position with a marked degree of credit to himself and benefit to the town. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Mississippi, perhaps the best and most thorough educational institution in the South. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Meridian city schools also, and is serving in each place, reflecting honor upon the respective institutions. Mr. Baskin is Chairman of the Democratic County Executive Committee. He is a consistent and unassuming Christian gentleman, and is superintendent of the First Presbyterian Church Sunday school.

The firm of Miller & Baskin do an immense volume of general law busi-

ness, which is constantly increasing. They are at the head of their profession, both as to ability and popularity.

Hon. C. C. Dunn

Mr. C. C. Dunn has been a resident and citizen of the city of Meridian about eight years, having come here in 1891. He came from Amite county, in this State, where he was born and reared. He was born in 1871, and until he came to Meridian lived in Amite county on a farm and aided in its cultivation, except during the time spent in going to school. His education was acquired chiefly in the common schools of the county and at the high school in the town of Liberty. His life was that of the average farm boy striving under such difficulties as beset one similarly situated to reach the goal of his ambition—the legal profession. With the same tenacity of purpose which now characterizes him, he acquired not only a good education from the school text books and from general reading of the best literature, but a good education in the law, until finally he presented himself well equipped for admission to the bar, which was in 1892, a short time after his removal to Meridian.

Coming here a stranger, the enviable position which he now enjoys in the estimation of his professional brethren and of the public at large, has been won by his own efforts and his own intrinsic worth. He possesses in an eminent degree the qualities that win success. He is studious and painstaking, energetic and tenacious of purpose; a man of sound judgment and good common sense, in which the foundation of his legal learning is safely and securely laid, and which is strictly honest, upright and reliable; a safe counsellor, an alert and able advocate.



Hon. C. C. Dunn

He is a consistent and zealous member of the church; is a man of family, his home being blessed with a wife and several children, his wife being a daughter of Rev. A. Grossett, of this city; he is superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school in "South Side" in this city, and takes an active part in church work generally.

He is a sturdy Democrat, ready to help in all party needs; a man of high moral character and firmness, and the people of the county have shown their appreciation of his sterling qualities and well known ability by electing him to the State Senate. He understands the needs and desires of the people of his county, and is at all times approachable. Any proposition affecting local interests will have full consideration at his hands; his desires are to conform his actions, whenever possible, to the wishes of his constituents. The will of his people will find through him its proper expression in the legislative halls. A Meridianite through his own choice, he believes in Meridian; has faith in her present and future; looks forward with confidence to her yet more wonderful development. Whatever he can do to promote the legitimate advancement of Landerdale county and Meridian he will do.

Mr. Dunn will be elected to the Senate in November.

Hon. G. Q. Hall

The subject of this sketch is the senior member of the law firm of G. Q. Hall & Son. Mr. Hall is one of Meridian's most prominent citizens and perhaps the ablest chancery lawyer in East Mississippi. He has always enjoyed a large and lucrative practice. He is a director of the Meridian National Bank and formerly Vice-President of that institution.

Mr. Hall is also the owner of the famous Arundel Lithia Springs. Mr. William M. Hall is the junior member of the law firm of G. Q. Hall & Son. Mr. Hall is the youngest member of the Meridian bar. He grad-

uated from the Lebanon Law School—one of the finest institutions on the continent—in June, 1888, at the head of his class. He is a close student of the law, an upright, moral young gentleman and is taking a big stand in his profession and the esteem of his fellow men.

Mayor E. H. Dial

Hon. E. H. Dial was born near Ramsey Station, Sumter county, Alabama, 46 years ago. He attended the common schools of that county until he was 15 years of age, when he came to Meridian. That was in 1896. Meridian didn't amount to much as a town then. After moving here, Mr. Dial attended the schools of the town, such as were



Mayor E. H. Dial

then offered to the boys and girls, and continued until he had derived all the benefit possible from the limited facilities.

In 1872, Mr. Dial entered the freshman class of the University of Mississippi at Oxford and graduated from that institution four years later a member of the famous centennial class.

After Mr. Dial finished at the University he accepted a position with a bank at Jackson, at the same time taking up the study of law. He read law at night and worked during the day, and was admitted to the bar for practice in 1877, a year after he graduated from the University. He practiced his profession with marked success and ability until he was elected Mayor of Meridian in 1892. He has been elected to that office once every two years since.

Mr. Dial has always taken great pride in Meridian's progress and advancement, and prior to his election had longed to see the town take up a quicker pace in equipping herself with the conveniences of a modern city, and desired to see the government more liberal in its provisions for these things. He wanted to see the sewerage question that had been dragging along for years disposed of, and the health of the citizens thus promoted and protected; he yearned to see the streets of his town paved with no less substantial material than vitrified brick; he wanted to see the sidewalks paved, wanted the citizens to have the advantage and convenience of a well



Mr. W. N. Ritzberger

equipped and modern electric street railway system; wanted the citizens of the town to have the benefit of improved educational facilities; wanted the capacity of the school increased to meet the demands of an increasing enrollment corresponding to the increase in population. He wanted to see Meridian take first place among the progressive Southern towns. He has seen all these things since he was elected into the Mayor's office in 1892. Not only have all the been realized under his administration, but he has had the further gratification of seeing all the once fierce and determined opposition to progressiveness fade away and give place to co-operation through his persistent agitation and determined efforts. The opposition once so stubborn and obstructive, has melted into the most oblivious oblivion and no longer menaces the development of the town.

Mayor Dial has been industrious and faithful in his efforts in behalf of Meridian, and it is a fact which people will dispute that to him is due the credit for the rapid strides Meridian has made within the past six years, more than to any other individual or individuals. He has just simply hammered away at the town, and have brought the city to its present extent until he has accomplished his purpose, which has invariably wrought great good for the town.

Mr. Dial is a most efficient official and has the commendation of all public-spirited citizens.

Hon. Charles M. Wright

Mr. Charles M. Wright is one of Meridian's youngest and brightest lawyers and stands high in his profession. He is a native of the county, and in him is shown what pluck and determination to succeed will accomplish when combined with intelligence and energy. Mr. Wright has the advantage of unlimited support opportunities, but he has profited well by the facilities offered by the common schools of the country. He attended these schools, and by applying himself studiously and industriously has reaped more than ordinary benefit.

The first work Mr. Wright did after finishing school was teaching. He taught for a number of years with remarkable success, his work portraying his worth and integrity. He proved a capable educator, his methods of tuition being much approved, and advancing his pupils rapidly and thoroughly while teaching. Mr. Wright com-



Hon. G. Q. Hall

THE MERIDIAN BAR



Hon. Charles C. Wright

noticed reading law and was admitted to the bar in 1884.

He removed to Meridian in 1885 and opened an office for the practice of his profession. He has handled all matters entrusted to him in a highly satisfactory manner. The perfect satisfaction with which he has served his clients has had the effect of retaining for him their patronage and additionally of securing new business for him. Mr. Wright is well equipped for the practice of law, having a technical and thorough practical understanding of

State University, being admitted to the sophomore class. He remained in the literary department of the University for three successive sessions. In 1890 he was elected fellow in the department of medieval and modern history, and at the same time he entered the law department of the University and was graduated in the class of 1892. Mr. Amis took high rank in all his classes in school and enjoyed the esteem and confidence of his instructors and fellow pupils. It has been said of him that he earned by his own personal efforts all the means used in ac-

Recognizing in Mr. Wright a young man of exceptional character and excellent business qualifications, the Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company decided in 1897 to make him their stock claim agent for this division, and he was accordingly tendered the appointment. He has filled the position with credit to himself and great satisfaction to his employers. The claims against the company have been fairly and satisfactorily settled through the wisdom and good judgment of Mr. Wright, and his large and his duties he has made many staunch friends.

Hon. A. B. Amis

Hon. A. B. Amis, whose portrait appears above, is perhaps one of the best and most favorably known young men of East Mississippi. He is the Secretary of the Democratic Executive Committee of Landerdale county and is the senior member of the well known law firm of Amis & Dunn. Mr. Amis was born February 1867, in Newton county, where he resided until January, 1883, when he located in Meridian, and began the active of law.

The author of a recent history of Newton county does him the honor of saying that he is the best educated man that has ever gone out from that county. In addition to the education gained in the common schools of his county in his earlier years, at the age of thirteen he entered the Chamberlain Academy at Port Gibson, where he spent a two years course, at the conclusion of which he returned to his father's home in Newton county, where he worked on the farm until the fall of 1885, when he entered the literary department of the Tulane University at New Orleans, where he took course of two sessions. In 1887 he entered the literary department of the

honors have come unsolicited. He has served by election on both of the municipal boards, and was afterwards tendered the city attorneyship, which he held for a time, resigning in the middle of the second term, so that he could give his entire time and attention to his firm's large outside business. He is progressive and public-spirited and is well liked by all who know him.

Mr. J. M. McBeath is a native Kentuckian, and a fine specimen of blue grass manhood, too. He is a cultured and refined gentleman, well educated and sociable. His education at school was finished at the Glasgow, Ky., Normal College in 1884. He came to Landerdale county, Mississippi, several years ago, and conducted the Cooper Normal College at Daleville one session. This session was a most prosperous one for the college and Mr. McBeath thoroughly demonstrated his efficiency as an educator and his capability to manage an educational institution. He was elected County Superintendent of Education, and served in that capacity with much credit to himself and great benefit to the public schools of the county. Mr. McBeath was admitted to the bar in January, 1892, and practiced by himself until the formation of the firm of Ethridge & McBeath.

Cochran & Bozeman

The firm of Cochran & Bozeman is the leading law firm of this section, and perhaps of the whole State. Personally Hon. R. P. Cochran and Hon. A. S. Bozeman are each very popular with their acquaintances, and the immense volume of business handled by the firm is assurance sufficient that they are held in the highest esteem by their clients. The firm is progressive and enterprising, and business entrusted to them is given the very best attention and most intelligent consid-



Hon. A. J. Russell

shown himself true on every occasion and in every emergency. He is warm-hearted and charitable, and as full of kindness and consideration for his less fortunate friends as one could hope to see.

Mr. Russell has applied himself faithfully to the proper discharge of every duty that has devolved upon him in whatever capacity, and he has thus won the admiration of his associates the esteem of his fellow citizens and the respect and endorsement of all.

He has represented the city of Meridian in the lower house of the State Legislature for a number of years and

with universal satisfaction as attorney for the road a number of years, and is now General Solicitor for the company, which place he fills with the same degree of ability and satisfaction that characterized his responsible positions.

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Splendid Water Power

The machinery in every manufacturing plant in Mississippi and Alabama. For instance, there is a water power on Clumby river, a few Meridians, which, if properly used, generate enough electricity to supply factories and light cities and towns for miles around. There was an effort made some years ago to organize a company to utilize this wonderful waterfall, but the financial failure of 1893 prevented the negotiations from reaching a conclusion.

Errata.

On the sixth page of this edition some transpositions were made by the part which mixes up the matter in portrait of Mr. G. W. Meyer. The line under it, the second line portrait should begin the paragraph at the top of the third column of the page; and the first line following the portrait of Mr. Meyer, should conclude the last paragraph in the second column of the page.

quired by located in Meridian, and he practiced the law, thoroughly equipped for a successful career at the bar. He was at once recognized by the members of the profession as a young man of fine possibilities and of great promise. In 1896 he formed a partnership with Joel P. Walker and G. H. Shamberger, both of eminent legal ability and attainments. About a year after the formation of the partnership, Mr. Shamberger died. The firm of Walker, Shamberger & Amis was thereby dissolved, and the firm of Walker & Amis, as successors of the old firm, was formed, which partnership continued until the death of Mr. Walker in January, 1898. In the early part of 1898 Mr. Amis and Hon. C. C. Dunn, the Democratic nominee for the State Senate, formed a partnership under the firm name of Amis & Dunn, which firm has the universal confidence of the people and bar, both as to integrity and legal ability, and enjoy a large and lucrative practice.

Ethridge & McBeath

The firm of Ethridge & McBeath was formed in September of 1893 for the practice of law, and has ever since been considered one of the very strongest and best equipped legal firms in the State. They do a general law practice in all the courts, including Federal and Supreme, and have a large clientele who are well pleased with the services rendered.

Messrs. Ethridge & McBeath occupy a suite of well appointed offices in one of the main business blocks of the city and are well prepared to take the best care of all business entrusted to them. Constituting one of the very best legal concerns in the State, their services are much sought by those needing counsel, and the careful attention given to all business is causing it to increase in volume at a very rapid rate.

Mr. W. N. Ethridge is a native of Dallas county, Alabama, and came to Landerdale county, Mississippi, in 1857, locating at Old Marion, then the county site. Ten years later he came to Meridian, where he has lived continuously ever since. He was educated at the common schools and is a fine specimen of the self-made man.

Mr. Ethridge read law in the office of Judge Leachman and was admitted to the bar in January, 1882. Since that time he has been practicing his profession, and has won an enviable reputation throughout the State on account of the great success with which he has handled all his cases. He has never asked any favors at the hands of the public, but has been honored with public office more than once, and these

honors have come unsolicited. He has served by election on both of the municipal boards, and was afterwards tendered the city attorneyship, which he held for a time, resigning in the middle of the second term, so that he could give his entire time and attention to his firm's large outside business. He is progressive and public-spirited and is well liked by all who know him.

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Both members of the firm are young men of fine moral character and enjoy the full confidence and esteem of their fellow citizens. They are genial and courteous persons, and have made friends of all with whom they have been thrown. Mr. Bozeman has been honored by the city and county, having served as attorney for each. He still holds the position of County Attorney, but recently found it necessary on account of the immense business of the firm to resign the position of attorney for the city. Mr. Bozeman is a member of the Board of Health.

On account of the fine qualifications of the members of this firm from a legal standpoint, their perfect system of dispatching business and the great popularity of the firm individually, lends a prestige that is seldom acquired by a Southern law firm.

Hon. A. J. Russell

Hon. A. J. Russell is one of the most widely known and highly esteemed members of the Meridian bar, and few men there are in the State who can count more loyal and devoted friends than he. His legal ability is unquestionable, and he has climbed to the very top of his profession by applying himself closely to the study of it, and by conducting himself at all times in such manner as was befitting a gentleman. Mr. Russell's great popularity socially and professionally has been justly won, and will be retained until his days on earth shall have ceased to come, and when his memory will be cherished fondly by the hosts of his friends.



Hon. R. P. Cochran





Eagle Cotton Oil Company's Mill Plant

The Eagle Cotton Oil Company.

A very important enterprise of the city of Meridian is the extensive plant of the Eagle Cotton Oil Company, which consists of oil mill, refinery, soap works and ice plant, now in operation, and a light barrel factory in contemplation for the near future.

When this company commenced operations in Meridian, their plant consisted of an oil mill alone, but the refinery was quickly added. A railroad tank line was established by the company, and then came the soap works. The ice factory followed, and the light barrel factory will be the next addition.

E. Cahn, an energetic and hustling merchant of fine business qualifications, is President and Treasurer of the company and devotes his entire time to the management of the business. The whole plant is under his close personal supervision, and the great prosperity and unparalleled growth of the concern is due in a large measure to his manner of conducting its affairs. Although a man of means,

refinery has a capacity of about 1,200 barrels weekly.

The Eagle Cotton Oil Company have a very extensive and a most excellent railroad tank line in operation and they experience no difficulty in shipping the full output.

Extensive soap works are also operated by this company, and the excellent quality of the brands put up has created an immense demand for their goods. They make the celebrated "Big Eagle" soap, which is put up in cakes weighing a pound and a half, and the "Lark" brand in ten ounce bars, which is also widely known through its excellence, and the "Boss Olive," in half-pound bars. No better soaps can be found anywhere for general laundry purposes, and it is not surprising that the products of this Meridian industry should find a ready sale and eager demand.

of the output is fine. There is a healthy local demand for the ice, partly on account of its uniform excellence and partly on account of the great popularity of the firm with Meridian people. In addition to the local patronage, the ice is in great demand along the lines of railroad leading out of the city, and immense quantities are thus disposed of. The factory has a cold storage department which is liberally patronized. This department consists of six rooms, 22x22 feet in size, and the service here is perfect.

The Eagle Cotton Oil Company has done much for the upbuilding and general advancement of Meridian, and is ever on the alert for an opportunity to bring some new enterprise or industry to this city. It is plainly evident that this company has great faith in the continued growth of Meridian, for they have much capital already invested and show an eager disposition to keep up.

The company even now has schemes incubating for the establishment of additional industries, and one of these contemplated enterprises is assuming tangible proportions even now. It is quite likely that within a few months this company will have a light barrel factory in operation, and if they do, there is every reason to believe that it will be, like their other establishments, complete in every detail and of great capacity.

The office department is ably managed by Mr. H. C. Forrester, assisted by Mr. S. B. Jennings and Mr. H. T. Harris.

Mr. Frank W. Cahn, the cashier of the concern, is a brilliant and energetic young man, a son of Mr. E. Cahn. He is cultured and refined and is highly educated. His many accomplishments fit him for the highest walks of life in either social or business circles. At present he is in Germany with his grandfather, Mr. M. Frank, introducing and placing the products of their refinery.

Prof. J. R. Ellis

Prof. J. R. Ellis, County Superintendent



E. Cahn

Mr. J. C. Forrester is Secretary.

The Vice-President of the company is Mr. M. Frank.

oil mill department of this company comprises one of the best and best equipped oil mills in the city, with a daily capacity of 125 barrels. The most approved machinery is employed in the manufacture of the seed, and the raw material is converted into the finished products with the least possible waste. Competent and experienced workmen are employed at this plant, and everything goes on with the greatest activity, denoting the general prosperity of the industry. The Eagle Cotton Oil Company is a nucleus around which are grouped a number of industries of equal magnitude and importance—all under one management.

It was not a great while after the establishment of the oil mill until it was seen by this enterprising company that a refining plant for the finishing of crude oils would be a paying industry, and such a plant of large capacity was forthwith established. The special products of this refinery are "Summer Yellow" oil, "Eagle" cooking oil, white oil and winter pressed oil. All of these brands are of the highest grade of their respective classes and are finished perfectly. The

In direct competition with other high grade soaps. The company is pushing these goods and the broadens they are making on the territory of other manufacturers is peculiarly gratifying to the company. The people who delight in the prosperity of their home industries and who like to see merit recognized, appreciated and rewarded. Meridian people have long since discovered the superiority of these home manufactured goods, and are glad that the company is determined to increase the consumption of their soaps to the full capacity of the plant, for everywhere that Meridian products are known the city will also be known and that will benefit the city. That is one of the things which Meridian is after, and whenever and wherever she can demonstrate the superior quality of her productions, there and then will be added other jewels to her crown of glory—the glory of being the peer of her competitors. The Eagle Cotton Oil Company are doing their duty in this direction.

Not the least important of this magnificent cluster of industrial enterprises is a 50-ton refrigerating plant. This is a large factory and the quality

and Lauderdale. Ellis has not a more worthy son. His early education was received in the common schools of the county, where he was a bright and studious pupil. Later he took a course at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, of this State, where he was considered one of the most diligent pupils. He worked his way through this institution and won the love and respect of his fellow students as well as that of the faculty.

Returning to Lauderdale county, he took up the work that has long been his ambition—that of teaching—and served in that capacity with marked credit to himself and great satisfaction to his patrons for four years. He



Prof. J. R. Ellis

gained an enviable reputation for efficiency and thoroughness in work and proved to be an accomplished educator.

Then he entered the University of Nashville and Peabody Normal College, from which institutions he graduated with high honors. He finished his work in these institutions by teaching during the vacations.

Professor Ellis has given a great deal of time to studying the methods of educational work, and has acquired a practical knowledge and experience of the work that peculiarly qualifies him for the position to which he will soon be elected.

Since graduating at Nashville, Professor Ellis has been teaching in the country. He has served for four years as a member of the Board of Examiners and has proved himself equal to the satisfactory and creditable discharge of every duty. He is a pretty thorough and well-versed in the work he is to do as



Refinery, Eagle Cotton Oil Company

Superintendent and no one doubts his fitness for the place. He has prepared himself for professional teaching and is an ambitious young man with bright prospects for a successful career.

W. E. Farr

Mr. W. E. Farr, the subject of this sketch, is a young man of more than ordinary promise and his prospects for ultimate abundant success in life are unusually bright. He is active and industrious and belongs to that class of young men who have no such word as fail in their vocabulary. He knows nothing but to succeed in all undertakings, and the manner in which he accomplishes all his aims bespeaks his intelligence and energy.

Mr. Farr is a social favorite, being very popular with all his acquaintances, and being very extensively acquainted throughout this section. He is a capable and energetic business man, always attending to business matters in the most careful manner.

Mr. Farr is a native of Mississippi, having been born at Coldwater, Tate county, about 20 years ago. He removed with his parents to Corinth, where he lived for a few years, after-

from the manufacturers and secure the lowest possible prices. Beside this advantage the house discounts fully 75 per cent of its paper, which enables them to secure the goods they handle at rock bottom prices. But thus enabled to purchase at the low possible prices, the house can of course offer their goods at the most favorable prices to the purchasers. This being the case, the business has necessarily increased to enormous proportions, and the house has gained prestige over all competitors.

The Gressett Music House can and does compete with any other concern of like nature in existence and has no hesitancy in letting its customers compare quality of goods and prices with those of any house. In fact, Mr. Gressett likes for them to do this, for by that means the superior inducements offered by his house are forcibly and clearly illustrated.

Rev. A. Gressett came to Meridian thirty years ago, and for a number of years owned and published the Southern Baptist, which was one of the leading and most influential publications of the State. Mr. Gressett is a Baptist minister of prominence and has preached in nearly every church of that denomination in this section. He is a consistent Christian.

Mr. Gressett is very energetic in the conduct of his business, and this is one of the reasons for his unparalleled success in the music store branch.

Rev. A. Gressett was forced to leave his newspaper, the Southern Baptist, and retire from active duties on account of ill-health, and he then established the Gressett Music House, and he is ably assisted in the management of that institution by his two sons, W. C. and J. B. Gressett.

A PROFESSIONAL NURSE

Mrs. Sallie G. Hindman Prepared to Serve Those Who Are Sick

The citizens of Meridian are fortunate in having among them a professional nurse of such efficiency as Mrs. Sallie G. Hindman. She is a most estimable lady, and has had many years' experience as nurse in some of the best hospitals and sanitariums of the South. Mrs. Hindman is a native Mississippian, though for several years she was a resident of Texas, in which State she acquired extensive experience nursing in the hospitals at Dallas, Galveston and Houston. She comes to Meridian well recommended, and offers her services to the public, endorsed by all the physicians of the city.

Having served for three years as matron at the East Mississippi Penitentiary, College many of the people are personally acquainted with Mrs. Hindman and know her for her true worth. To those she needs an introduction or recommendation as a nurse of ability and lady of refinement.

wards coming with the family to Meridian, where they have lived ever since.

Mr. Farr has been connected with newspapers for the past ten years, holding various positions, and is at present collector and manager of the city circulation of the Meridian Daily Herald.

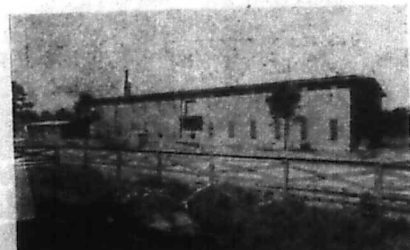
The Gressett Music House

The oldest and most reliable music house in the State is that of Rev. A. Gressett, in this city. The Gressett Music House was established here more than twenty years ago, and since that time has sold something like 4,000 musical instruments throughout this State, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas.

Most of these instruments are pianos and organs and have been placed directly in the homes of this territory. Rev. A. Gressett is the most extensive dealer in pianos and organs in the State, and carries a complete line of all sorts of musical merchandise. This house buys in large quantities direct



Interior, Gressett



Ice Department

Oil Company

The Queen & Crescent Route



Logging Team in Piney, on N. O. & N. E. R. R.

THE ALABAMA & VICKSBURG RAILROAD.

The Alabama & Vicksburg Railroad extending from Meridian to Vicksburg penetrates the most populous and productive of the State of Mississippi. The Queen & Crescent system, which runs daily in each direction, affords citizens of the cities and towns which it runs a most excellent mail service.

Improvement has been made in road-

the South, which produces annually an immense amount of long leaf pine lumber, which is largely shipped to the North through Meridian. It also passes through a large agricultural district, producing cotton, corn and other products common to the South.

The soil and climate of the country through which this line passes is identical with those of other sections which are large producers of vegetables and fruits, and there can be no doubt that the same fruits and vegetables can

Laurel, on a very large scale being one of the latest enterprises of this sort, to be consummated. A feature, which has attracted wide attention to the organization of the cotton mill company at Laurel, is the offer of the Eastman Gardiner Lumber Company at that point to furnish fire fuel for a long period of years. The fact that this can be done by the Eastman Gardiner Company suggests the thought that other large saw mill concerns might find it to their advantage to make similar offers. Every one of these concerns has to pay an expense for the destruction of the sawdust and other refuse from the saw mill, and if all or any portion of this expense can be saved by donating the refuse to another concern it would seem to be the part of wisdom to do so. The building up of other industries in the saw mill towns will further enhance the value of property owned by the lumber men, thereby increasing the profits of their own business.

The railroad facilities afforded by the New Orleans & Northeastern Railroad are equal to those of any other line in the South. In the past five years great improvements have been



French Market, New Orleans.



Cotton Field on A. & V. R. R.

way equipment and facilities during the last year.

Especially has this been beneficial to Meridian, as it gives persons from the adjacent territory an opportunity to visit Meridian, do business, and return to their homes the same day.

NEW ORLEANS & NORTHEASTERN RAILROAD.

New Orleans & Northeastern Railroad, extending from Meridian to New Orleans, La., runs through one of the great pine regions of

be profitably grown in Mississippi and Louisiana, along the line of the New Orleans & Northeastern Railroad, in fact several small orchards and gardens are in successful operation. It is expected that an experimental farm, devoted to the thorough demonstration of this fact, will be put in operation shortly. The promotion of manufacturing is also receiving attention at the hands, not only of the railroad company, but of residents of the various towns on this line; the organization of a company to operate a cotton mill at

roadway by the ballasting of the substitution of heavier rails. The rails are being rapidly as possible putting the line much more comfortable to the traveler. The passenger and freight equipment is of the most modern and improved pattern, the passenger trains being composed of elegant, modern coaches and Pullman sleepers, together with the necessary baggage, express and mail cars.

The mail facilities have recently been improved by doubling the service, giving two mail trains each way daily instead of one.

In connection with the Alabama Great Southern and Southern Railways, a cafe dining car service on the through train to the East has recently been inaugurated, which is giving universal satisfaction.

The facilities for shipping lumber and other freight have been greatly increased lately through the addition of sidings, etc.

Today this railroad is one of the most valuable to the business of the City of New Orleans, and the facilities which it affords are second to none.



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French Market, New Orleans.



Cotton Field on A. & V. R. R.

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NEW ORLEANS & NORTHEASTERN RAILROAD.

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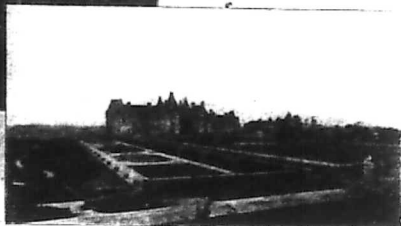
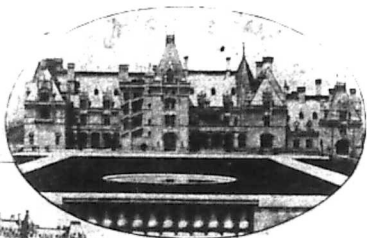
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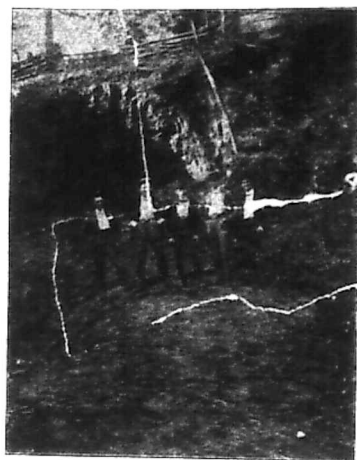
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Plantation Home.



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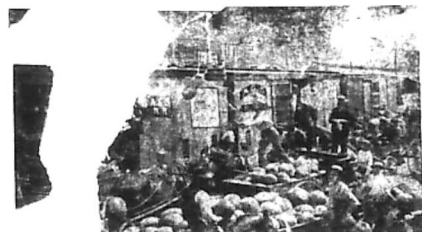
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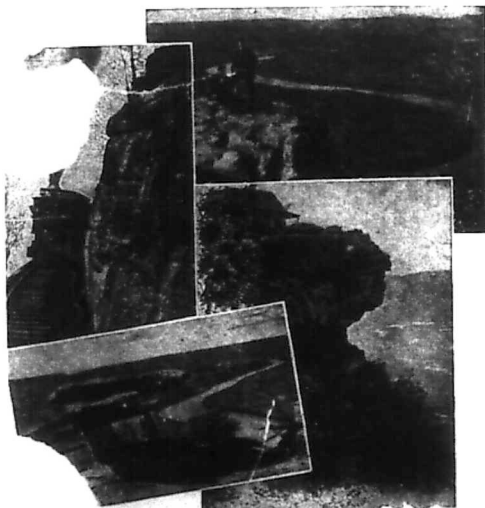
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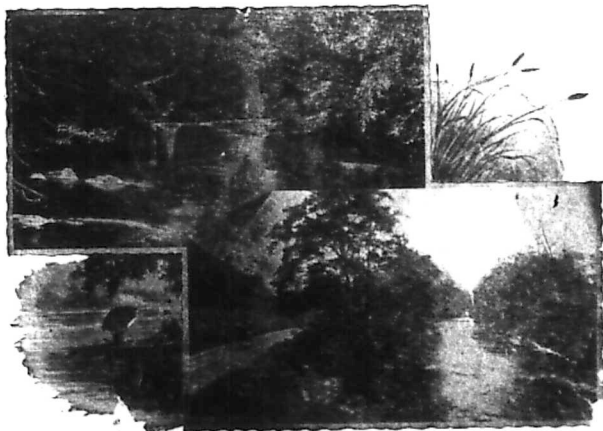
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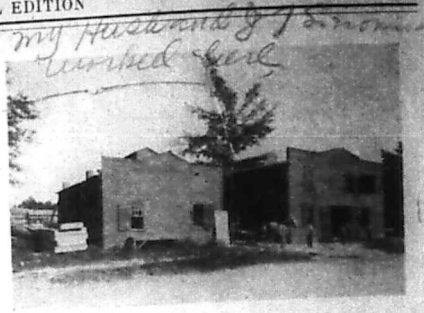
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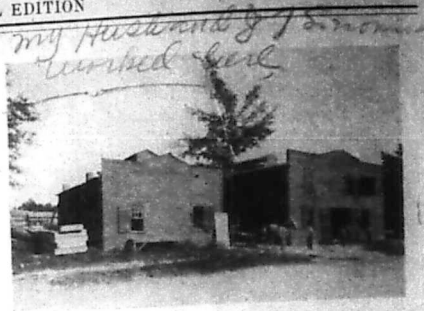
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In business was quite modest, his pretensions were unassuming, hard work and strict attention to his business in detail, he set up a trade that is a compliment to his integrity and the envy of many a less industrious competitor.

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In addition to the recent increase in looms and spindles, a bleaching plant is being added, which will be the first up-to-date bleaching plant in the Southern States.

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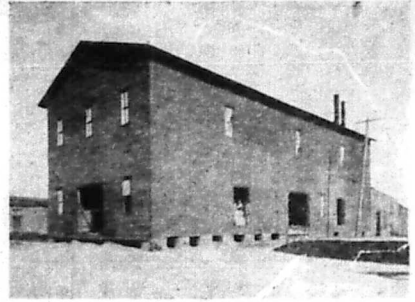
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Recently he associated himself with his brother, Alderman A. P. Pool, in the purchase of a large lumber yard, and extensive improvements are being made in the enterprise. They have ordered the machinery necessary to the putting in of a very large woodwork ing shop, and all necessary buildings are being erected on a new lot for the addition to their enterprise.

The Martin Machine Works

The Martin Machine Works is a most substantial enterprise of Meridian, where all sorts of machinery work is done. It is equipped with machine shops, complete foundry and boiler works, and has an extensive trade throughout the South, and its goods have been sold in nearly every State in the Union. They manufacture boilers, engines, cotton presses and do all kinds of saw mill work, make lumber buggies, build dry kilns and they do all sorts of architectural work, such as columns, sills, etc.

They carry a full line of pipe, belt ing, pulleys, shafting, pipe fittings and mill supplies.

Only the most skilled workmen are employed in all of the departments, and the work they turn out is always of the highest class. Their repair shops are always busy, equipped with the best machinery and the work done in this department is satisfactory in each instance. All departments are operated on full time and the equipment throughout is modern and complete.

The concern is officered as follows: E. J. Martin, President; C. P. Wetherlee, Vice-President; John Kamper, Treasurer; R. O. Smith, Secretary; C. C. Broome, Superintendent. The directors are John Kamper, R. O. Smith, C. C. Broome, C. P. Wetherlee, E. J. Martin, P. L. Martin and A. D. McIlhenny. The officers and directors are all well known business men of this city, who have extensive interests here, and who are identified with the city's improvement and advancement.

The company contemplates extensive improvements in their plant in the near future, and through these improvements the capacity of the boiler works will be very largely increased, and tanks and all kinds of sheet iron will be manufactured.

The John Kamper Milling Co.

The John Kamper Milling Company is an enterprising concern, and is one of Meridian's fastest growing industries. Mr. John Kamper, the owner of the plant, is one of the most substantial and most widely known capitalists in this part of the South. He is largely interested in dozens of industries and enterprises hereabouts, and is public-

spirited and wide-awake to every opportunity.

The Kamper Milling Company do a general jobbing business in corn products and feed stuffs in bulk and wholesale lots. The plant is equipped with all necessary machinery to convert the whole grain into meal, chops and bran, and is run on full time so great is the demand for their goods. The business is an extensive one and is constantly increasing. It is a great convenience to the business men of this section.

The Meridian Herald has a larger bona fide circulation than any daily newspaper published in the State of Mississippi.

Mr. W. F. Pigford

Lauderdale county can point with pardonable pride to the large number of her sons who have attained a very creditable degree of success in all walks of life. These worthy citizens

among those who have a degree of success none are more deserving of it than Mr. W. F. Pigford. Having been raised on a farm, Mr. Pigford depended solely upon the common public facilities of the county for his education, but he supplemented these limited facilities by close application to his books and careful observation. The result is plainly evident in the amount of success he has attained in the commercial world. He came to Meridian in 1893 and entered the employ of the Grant Lumber Company, and has held a number of responsible positions with prominent firms of the city. He understands thoroughly the details of the lumber business and is an expert accountant.

Mr. Pigford has a wife and child who are as warmly loved and as highly respected as he.

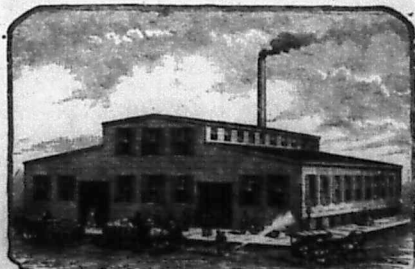
At present he is engaged in the lumber business at Basic City, a few miles below Meridian, on the Mobile & Ohio and New Orleans & Northern railroads, where he operates a saw mill of large capacity.

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A Coffin Factory

Among the new companies being organized in Meridian is a coffin factory. Some of the best financiers in the city are behind the enterprise, and there is little doubt that the plant will be erected during the next six months.



The Martin Machine Works



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The Meridian National Bank

Probably the strongest bank in this section of the South is the Meridian National Bank. In no other institution or enterprise hereabouts is so much capital represented. The stockholders of this bank represent in the aggregate many tens of millions of dollars. Its business is very large, which shows the institution to be in a most flourishing condition.

Bank is capitalized at \$100,000. Thus and undivided profits \$75,000. It is a corporation of lists and is an absolutely ion. dent is Mr. J. H. Wright, factor in all progressive of a public nature, and one adest business men in the en-

McRaven is Cashier, and the eleven directors are the ablest and most genial men in the city. McRaven has a very able assistant in Mr. E. L. the entire force of clerks. Thoroughly competent and efficient. T. Wistar Brown, G. McRaven, A. R. Wagner, Allen, W. A. W. McRaven, W. D. McRaven, are of the institution, and highly progressive in the bank's management. With Mr. T. Wistar Brown, Philadelphia multi-millionaire directors are citizens of the city and vicinity. The bank is constantly growing and improving, and the institution belongs to that class of banks put down as prosperous and absolutely secure.

Floyd E. Gressett

The subject of this sketch needs no introduction to a large number of the readers of the Herald.

He sprang from the well known family whose name he bears, and inherited with the name those traits of character which have linked his ancestry with the best moral elements of the best of this city and surrounding country for the past half century. Possessing a high degree of moral courage, indomitable energy and natural intelligence he is eminently qualified for the business vocations of life.

Mr. Gressett was reared on a farm in a Lauderdale county, where he was taught that idleness was a sin and

that labor of head or hand, if properly directed, was honorable. Before reaching his majority he removed with his father's family from the farm to Meriden, where he was educated and followed business pursuits, in which he excelled, applying the lessons and virtues imbibed in earlier life. In 1860 he obtained employment in the local office of the Great Northern Telegraph company, where he acquired a high standard of business application and efficient habits, and discharged the duties of his position with honor for him the confidence of his superiors. He was subsequently promoted to the office of local manager of the company's offices in this city. In March, 1868, the Great Southern sold out to the Cumberland, and Mr. Gressett was retained as local manager of the latter company, where he occupied with the old, which he held until on July 21, 1869, when he was transferred by the company from Meriden to a lucrative position in the general offices of the company in Nashville, Tenn., where he now resides.

Honest, energetic and capable, it is safe to predict a brilliant business future for this deserving and universally popular young man.

John N. Cobb

Mr. John N. Cobb, a most excellent young man, is a new citizen of Me-



ridian, having arrived here only a few months ago, but he has made many friends in the short time and holds an enviable place in the estimation of all. He was born in Wheeling, W. Va., in 1874, and two years later his parents removed to South Carolina, where Mr. Cobb remained until he reached the age of 10. He left his home in South Carolina for the benefit of his health, having been afflicted with malaria, and went to Northwest Georgia, to a point free from malaria, where he recuperated rapidly. He remained in Northwest Georgia two years, leaving that portion of the State to live in Atlanta.

Mr. Cobb entered a printing office to learn the trade in 1885, while in Northwest Georgia, and has pursued that avocation ever since. He worked as compositor in the best of offices in Atlanta, and acquired much skill in the art. He is neat and artistic in the execution of all his work and is thoroughly up-to-date. At present he is employed in the composing rooms of the Daily Herald office, and

is considered a valuable man in that department.

W. G. Meyers

Mr. W. G. Meyers is a native of the State of Mississippi, but spent his boyhood days in the Long Star State.



where he received a finished education first attending the public schools of his county, and then graduating from the State Agricultural and Mechanical College at Bryan.

Mr. Meyers was born in August, 1851, in Perry county, Mississippi, but the family remained at that place only three years after he was born. They removed to Hamilton county, Texas, where they remained until 1891, when they removed to this city.

When his parents came here, M. Meyers had not finished college, and was three years later that he also came to live in Meridian. He was given the position of inspector of the construction of the sewerage, then under way, and filled the place with credit to himself and satisfaction to his employers. After the sewerage

had been completed, Mr. Meyers was given the office of city engineer, succeeding Mr. N. M. Brandon, who had died. He has held that position ever since, and has done the work in a manner highly satisfactory to all concerned. He has labored faithfully and intelligently at all times and has won the highest esteem of all the municipal officers as well as of all the citizens.

He is also Chairman of the Building Committee from the municipal board, and is well qualified for the intelligent discharge of the various duties that devolve upon him.

Councilman J. J. Blanks

Commodian J. J. Blanks is a native of Lauderdale county, and has been a citizen of Meridian for the past fifteen years. He was raised on a farm, attending the common schools of the county as long as was necessary to reap the full benefit therefrom. He has operated an extensive farm very successfully for a number of years.



and was engaged in buying and selling cattle for about three years after coming to Meridian. He then opened a small family grocery store in East End, which he has conducted ever since. He also has a store at Bonita, a few miles from the city, where he does thriving business.

Mr. Blanks is now serving his second term as a member of the Board of Councilmen, and has made a faithful and efficient official. He and his wife have the perfect confidence of the citizens. He is also a member of the City Board of Health and his judgment is sound and conservative on matters affecting the health of the citizens of the city.

Mr. Blanks has a family who are greatly to his happiness and contentment. He has a residence near his store in the city, where he is never more than a few minutes from his place of business.

E. E. Epperson

K. E. Eperson, A. B., is a new question to Meridian citizenship. He came here in July of the present year. He is a native of the State of Indiana, where the greater portion of his life was spent. He attended the schools of his locality until he was prepared for college. He entered college at Merton, Ind., and graduated from the institution in four years. He also taught in the college the last two years he attended. After finishing the college Mr. Eperson taught two years in the Indiana State Normal School, and then conducted a high school for two years.

After teaching for six years at
together, Mr. Epperson became con-
ed with the American Electric Tel-
phone Company, of his native Sta-



and remained with that concern two years and a half.

On January 1 of the present year, he entered the service of the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company as electrical engineer and remained with the company in that capacity until May, when he was promoted to the position of traveling supervisor. He traveled in the interest of the company until July, when he was appointed manager for the concern at this point. Since Mr. Epperson has had charge of the business here, the service has undergone many improvements, and the capacity and equipment have been largely increased. He is remodeling the plant with new equipment, and will be in charge of all departmental matters.

The business of this company here is increasing at a very rapid rate, a large force of linemen being necessary to string the new wires and cables to accommodate the new coal mines.

The Meridian Weekly Herald is a splendid medium for reaching the farmers of East Mississippi and West Alabama. The subscription price is only 50 cents a year, and its list of subscribers is constantly growing.

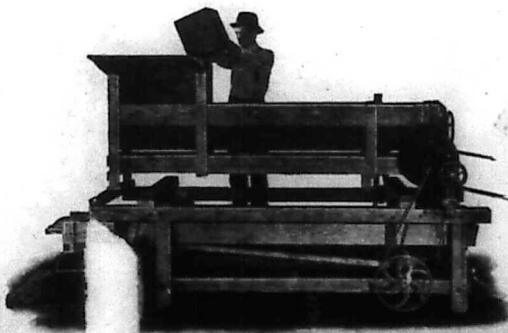
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The most decided improvement made have been in the sand cleaning feeding and a separator which gives cleaner product than most of the ball mill machines give.

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Meridian Fertilizer Company's Works

The Meridian Fertilizer Factory

The Meridian Fertilizer Factory was established in 1884, and four years later saw the establishment of the Southern Chemical Works. The two enterprises were combined in 1891 as name it now bears, and which name is a guarantee of the perfectness of the goods manufactured. The Meridian Fertilizer Factory, after the consolidation, with its increased capacity prospered as have all Meridian's manufacturing enterprises under intelligent and strict business management, and under the favorable trade conditions offered by the city's location, and in 1906 a cotton seed oil mill of 20,000 tons capacity was added to the plant. In June, 1907, the plant was burned before the blaze had run down the telegraph wires were secured an architect to draw plans for its reconstruction on a considerably larger scale. This shows in a measure the absolute stability of the company operating these enterprises. No time was lost in beginning the work of rebuilding this part of the plant, and even now it is assured that the work will be completed in time for the present season's trade, so rapidly is the progress being made.

The increased capacity of the plant will be about 25,000 tons of fertilizer annually. When the enormous capacity of this plant and the magnitude of the other enterprises distinct in output but under the same management.

conducted one of the noted educational institutions of the South, and the subject of this sketch was next to the smallest and the youngest boy among all the boarders, his classmates nearly all being grown young men.

By dint of hard work, he earned sufficient funds to pay his way through a business course at school and, went to Jones' Commercial College at St. Louis, which was considered one of the most thorough institutions of the kind in the West. In less than three months he won his diploma for a full course, including commercial law and commercial calculations, his rank being third in over 9,000 students, up to that time, from all parts of the country.

When a boy enters his own money to go to school he usually has to make his own way. Mr. Flournoy, however, was fortunate in having a father who was a successful business man, and who was able to provide him with the means necessary to attend school. Mr. Flournoy, after completing his education, returned to Meridian and entered into the business of his father, who was a successful business man, and who was able to provide him with the means necessary to attend school.



H. E. Flournoy

After the death of his father, who had always given the benefit of his counsel in the business, Mr. H. E. Flournoy went into the piano and organ business here for one of the prominent musical houses of the South, but their failure to keep him supplied with instruments as fast as he could dispose of them, caused him to turn his attention to an entirely different line, and for the past three or four years he has been a manufacturer's agent, selling goods on the road most of his time.

He represents Mr. Oscar Lillybeck, the manufacturing chemist and wholesale druggist of this city; Corliss Suspend Company, of Corliss, Miss; Enterprise Knitting Mills, of Enterprise, Miss, and the largest fire proof safe works in the world. He has been with these manufacturing concerns nearly ever since he went on the road and does quite a successful business for them.

Mr. Flournoy is quite a fraternal man, and has been a "flier from away back." He loves fraternities for the almost incalculable good they do for the distressed and the needy. He was the third man in the State of Mississippi to join the Knights of Honor, the first beneficiary order to come into the State. He was a charter member and ranked as follows:

Past Chancellor, Knights of Pythias.
Past Dictator, Knights of Honor.
Past Protector, Knights and Ladies of Honor.

Past Master, Ancient Order of United Workmen.
Deputy Head Consul, Woodmen of the World.

State Deputy of Alabama and Mississippi, Woodmen Circle.

And is also a member of the Home Forum and Travelers' Protective Association.

Mr. Flournoy married Miss Emma, a daughter of Mr. J. T. Liddle, a prom-

inent lumber man residing at Hattiesburg, Miss., near the Gulf coast. They have six bright, healthy children, two boys and four girls. The four older ones are good students at school and stand well in their classes.

The Flournoys trace their family history back in a direct and unbroken line to the great Huguenot massacre at Champer, France, A. D. 1562.

In our Mr. Flournoy is embodied all the sterling qualities of his historic ancestors. And it is gratifying to his friends to be enabled to point back over the period of time intervening between that date and this, to the family record that bears no blot or blemish. While Mr. Flournoy can point to this ancestry with pride and satisfaction, he thinks that worth very little unless he and his can live worthy of it in the present, and be good citizens, good neighbors, and be true to their obligations as such.

Mr. J. E. Dunn

Mr. J. E. Dunn, a skillful woodworker and mechanic, is a native Mississippian and a good citizen. He was born in Amite county, and lived



Mr. J. E. Dunn

here until 1892, attending the common schools of the county until he had secured all the benefit from them possible to obtain.

He came to Meridian in 1892, and worked at his trade, being variously employed, and always did the highest class of work. He is an expert in his for whom he works. He is a brother of State Senator-elect Hon. C. C. Dunn, and is a most excellent gentleman. He commands the respect of all who know him, and wins friends among strangers as fast as he makes their acquaintance.

John R. Senseney

Mr. John R. Senseney has been a resident of Meridian for only a few years, but during that time has thoroughly identified himself with the city, her



John R. Senseney

citizens and their interests. He is a Virginian by birth, and is a typical representative of the highest class of manhood of that grand old State. He came to Meridian an entire stranger to this section of the South, but his high character and uniform courteous treatment of all with whom he has been associated quickly isolated him high upon a pinnacle in the estimation of all. He purchased a beautiful home at Poplar Springs, a suburb of Meridian, and is counted one of the most progressive citizens of that portion of the city.

He is a printer by occupation, and is one of the craft's most skilled artisans. At present he is foreman of the printing rooms of the Meridian Herald. Mr. Senseney has well polished pens at his suburban home, and he has a private strain of poultry and Berkshire hogs. He makes a fine pen, and has representative pens.

Iron Near Meridian

In 1891 several veins of iron ore were discovered in the range of mountains south of Meridian and tests were made at Birmingham of a car load of ore sent there for that purpose. The ore was pronounced to be as good as that around Birmingham and steps were taken to organize a company to put up a furnace, but the financial panic which followed caused an abandonment of the scheme. Recently foreign capitalists have taken the matter up and it is probable two or three furnaces will be erected in the near future.

The Place to Locate

Meridian offers more and a greater variety of opportunities for the capitalist, home-seeker and investor than any other city in the South.

The Pioneer City

Meridian was the pioneer city in Mississippi in building electric street railways. She was the first to discard the mule cars for electricity, and the system has kept pace with the growth of the city.

Paved Streets

The streets of the business portion of Meridian are well paved, mainly with vitrified brick. The city recently spent \$100,000 in paving her streets, and no town in the State can boast as fine thoroughfares. They are kept clean, sweepers being employed for that purpose.

R. M. Simmons

Mr. R. M. Simmons, proprietor of the Commercial Printing Company, is a wide-awake and progressive citizen of Meridian, and is public-spirited and energetic in all matters pertaining to the general advancement of his section. He has one of the best equipped and most modern book and job printing establishments in the State, and



R. M. Simmons

necessarily employs a large force of workmen. His printers are experienced and artistic in the designing and execution of their work, which makes the establishment very popular with all who like neat and up-to-date printing. A special feature of this concern is the dispatch with which all orders are executed and the promptness with which the work is delivered. Mr. Simmons' management of the business is intelligent and business like, and it is but natural that he should succeed.

He is Vice-President of the East Mississippi and West Alabama Fair Association, and is working energetically for the success of the fair that is to be held in this city within the next few weeks. His efforts in this behalf also have been intelligently directed and the fruits of his untiring labors will be seen when the fair is in progress.

Meridian offers free sites and exemption from taxation for a period of ten years to factories which manufacture finished products from raw material.

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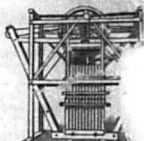
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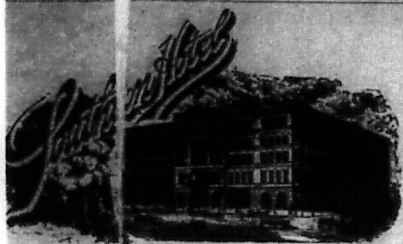
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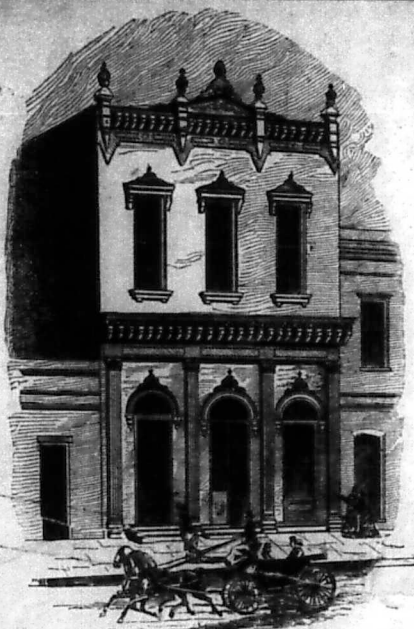
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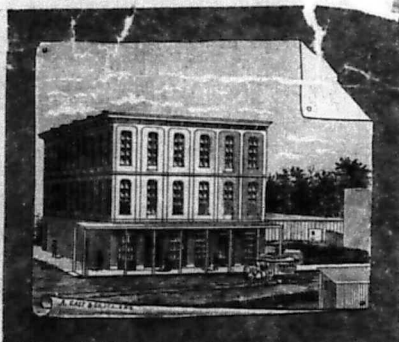
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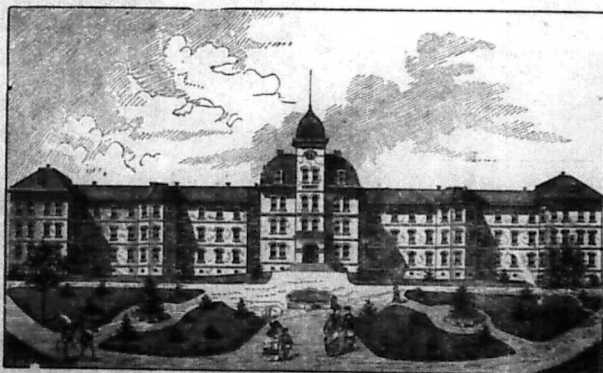
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Arundel Lithia Springs

This now famous Spa is located in the pine hills of East Mississippi, on the N. O. & N. E. R. R., four miles from Meridian, a city of 20,000 population.

A beautiful drive extends from the one to the other, traversed by a double daily hack line, in addition to "livery rigs," obtainable at all hours from the city. Telephone facilities are afforded guests without charge.

The Hotel is a two-story building with modern appointments, newly furnished and in all respects properly conducted. Col. and Mrs. John Kerr, persons of extended experience as cater-

ers, are in charge of this department, which should be a sufficient guaranty of satisfactory service.

The natural attractions are numerous and varied. In fact, nature has done for Arundel all that was in her power to do, and art has added many others, rendering it a delightful resort for rest and recuperation.

The grounds are a veritable park. The site of the hotel is a commanding one, surrounded by giant oaks and pines, dispensing refreshing shade and rosinous perfumes, with a landscape hardly equaled in the South, overlooking the railroad and meadows, and a grand chain of mountain-like hills in

the distance—the Southern spur of the Blue Ridge.

Wild flowers grow in glad some profusion: the magnolia, the ivy, and the honey-suckle, abundant. The mocking bird, the jark, the linnet, and diverse other Southern songsters, fill the air with strains of sweetest music.

A pearly lake of fresh, live, sparkling waters, fed by a bold spring stream of capacity of some sixty thousand gallons per day, is located within two hundred yards of the hotel, furnishing delightful boating, and in the near future excellent trout fishing. It having been stocked with yearling trout the past summer. Here also a commodious natatorium will be presently provided, affording opportunities, especially to women and children, of learning and enjoying the art of swimming.

Thence water is pumped by hydraulic ram to an elevation of one hundred feet or more into a 5,000 gallon tank, elevated about the hotel for domestic and sanitary uses, and for supplying fountains and waterfalls upon the grounds.

The climate is most salubrious, and this is heightened by the gulf breeze sweeping through an hundred miles of pine forests exhaling the purest of rosinous perfumes. The thermometer rarely rises above ninety, and few are the nights, even in midsummer, when covering is not needed.

Arundel has acquired in a surprisingly short period, a most enviable reputation. And it is confidently predicted by competent judges, that the day is not far distant when it will enjoy the reputation of being the most popular of Southern resorts, if not the Carlsbad of America.

The Arundel Lithia water challenges comparison with any mineral water on the market, both as to analytical excellence and curative virtue. The analysis shows a rare combination of minerals, to-wit: Lithium, Rubidium, and Cesium, with Sulphate of Magnesium in water of unparalleled purity. "The properties of Rubidium and Cesium are similar to those of Lithium."

"These," Dr. Jones says, "are rare elements, and are found in few mineral waters." This water is clear as crystal, free from sediment, delightful to the taste, and when taken cold, keeps indefinitely without loss of vitality.

The ailments for which it is recommended and in which its curative powers are abundantly attested, are Dyspepsia, Dropsy, Rheumatism, Gout, Bright's Disease, Stricture, Calculi, and Albuminuria, as well in the acute and chronic Nephritis of Gout and rheumatic origin as in the grave Albuminuria of Pregnancy, Bright's Disease, and Scarlet Fever. It is also employed with satisfactory results in Yellow Fever, Typhoid Fever, and in certain ailments peculiar to women. In nausea, "bilious stomach," and like disorders, it is highly recommended.

According to the exegesis of Dr. S. Claiborne Martin, Jr., of St. Louis, Mo.: "Its action is antacid, aperient, diuretic, and tonic, and is of great value in dyspepsia, torpidity of the liver, and the intestinal tract, increasing the process of secretion and excretion and eliminating the morbid waste materials in the visceral and cutaneous system. It is highly useful in habitual constipation, alcoholic dyspepsia, Bright's disease, uric and lithic acids in the urine, etc."

The same authority, in a learned article on "Bright's Disease," published in a leading medical journal, makes the following reference to Arundel Lithia Water in that connection: "Diuretics should be given with great care, if at all, and such only as are least irritating to the diseased kidneys. In many cases the skin may be active but the bowels torpid and the general tone of the system depressed. In such cases the mineral water now widely known as the Arundel Lithia Water, which is mildly antacid and diuretic, also tonic and aperient, may be used to meet these indications. Its benefits may be obtained without inflicting any injury upon the diseased kidneys. It will often render valuable service in any stage of the disease by stimulating the process of secretion as well as eliminating from the system morbid waste and toxic material."

We call attention to the reports and testimonials of physicians of undoubted integrity and high professional standing, several of national repute.

It can be further stated that hundreds of physicians have adopted this water in their practice and prescribe it in appropriate ailments. In fact, it may be said that no physician, so far as our information goes, and we have kept very close track of the work, has ever made a careful investigation into the merits of Arundel Lithia Water without adopting it in his practice.

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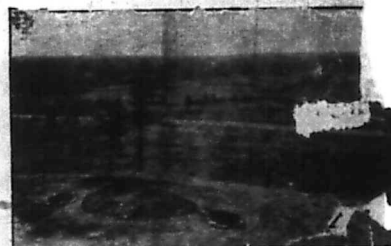
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ir. Spinks, the vice-president and manager, whose
ness appears herewith, is known as a conservative,
seeing business man, well posted in his specific
of trade. Starting with the company at the very
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many, through the intervening months, it is a
such as few of his years can point to in these days
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ly being wrecked along the shores. His ability
the trying and responsible position which he holds
shown in the commercial rating which that com-
any now enjoys and the confidence reposed in it by
a numerous lumber concerns whose product it
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ary, M. Spinks, is a business man every-
an familiar with the lumber busi-
its details. For a number of years Mr.
in the employ of Capt. J. J. White, of
ity, a gentleman well and favorably known
the South, and in every respect Mr.
the right man in the right place. This
is to be congratulated upon such an acqui-

treasurer, Mr. C. M. Spinks, brother of the
e-president, is no stranger to the people of this
tion. Hat he never achieved a success in any of
past ventures, his editorial and business manage-
ent of The American Ginner for the past three
ars, which has given that publication a wide read-
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Mutual Lumber Co., filling a like position. Mr. Caryl
is well qualified for the duties of his department,
being thoroughly conversant with the details, and is
a gentleman who, through his courteous demeanor,
always makes friends for his company.

The inspectors of the company are Messrs. N. M.
Smiley and A. R. McGee, to whom no more compli-
mentary reference could be made than that of saying,
as mediators between buyer and seller, they have
given to both sides general satisfaction. This is the
highest compliment that could be paid these gentle-
men, as of all others, it is the most trying position to
fill.

The company has a branch office in Chicago, with
Mr. O. C. Simmons, located at 1105 Tacoma Building,
as manager. Mr. Simmons is one of the best posted
lumbermen of Chicago and his good work for the
company is appreciated by the officers. It was he
who sold the large bill on which the solid train load
of large timbers shown in the cut above was shipped,
it being the first and only special through train of
this class of stock ever shipped by one concern from
the South to Chicago. (The cut represents the train
standing in the Meridian yards awaiting the starting
time).

When the Capital Lumber Co. first started in
business 25 to 30 cars per month was about the extent
of their business, but the records show an average of
about 150 cars per month, and this number will be
increased when the company's new planing mill (now
in the course of erection) is finished, the company
having heretofore confined its business largely to car
sills and timbers, but will now furnish flooring, ceiling,
etc. The planing mill is being generated out of their
capital and largely for their own use, as they expect
to consume most of its time in handling their own
stock.

This new acquisition to their business will require
from 25 to 30 additional men.

Such, in brief, is the Capital Lumber Co., a con-
cern that has attained success through the untiring
energy and honest efforts of its officers and force, and
it affords The Herald pleasure to thus refer to the
company, and to say to its readers that confidence
may be implicitly imposed with every assurance that
it will not be mislaid.



Special Lumber Train of Capital Lumber Company

The above cut represents Mr. C. M. Spinks, Secre-
tary and Treasurer of the American Ginner, whose
zealous work for the cause of his publication has
made it what it is—the reflex of all that is reliable
bearing upon the cotton industry, and the recognized
authority upon all matters pertaining to ginning and
handling of cotton.

Less than three years ago The Ginner was started
as an experiment by Mr. Spinks, in Meridian. Not
knowing how such a publication would be received or
regarded by the people, no business was asked for it
for the first issue, he preferring to shoulder all the
expense in getting it out and awaiting the people's
judgment, after reading, upon which to determine
future action.

To those who have seen and read THE GINNER
the past few months, it is not necessary to say that

THE AMERICAN GINNER

The Prominence This Journal Has Attained
Through the Reliability of Its
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Devoted to the Interests of Those Who Plant,
Raise and Handle Cotton, It is Natural
That Everyone is Solicitous
of Its Welfare

the same struck the popular chord with the very first
issue, for it has prospered right along, growing
stronger and more popular with each succeeding
number, until today it finds itself with a patronage
that makes it self-sustaining, and firmly established
in the confidence of its readers.

Though less than a year old, its voice has
found an echo in ev-

to the Rio Grande. It came into existence as an ex-
periment, but at the same time with a hope of perman-
ency born of an ambition to be up and doing in the
battle of life.

Its rapid march to popular favor induced the organ-
ization of a stock company, which has been chartered
under the laws of the State, and under the new re-
gime, which entailed additional expenditure, the
results accomplished have far exceeded anything that
was hoped for from the start.

The hundreds of letters that are being received each
week, commending its many features, are an earnest
of its popularity with the public.

The cotton interests of the country recognize that
in this publication they have an organ uncontrolled
by any trust, that depends for its support upon the
service it performs for the interests in whose behalf it
is enlisted. Its editorial columns have not been em-
ployed to boom any private scheme or to promote the
aggrandisement of any monopoly; they have been
devoted to the promotion of the welfare of the cotton
industry in all of its phases, and now and then they
have taken occasion to puncture some scheme of
benevolence addressed to the gullibility of a confiding
public.

The Ginner will be found the champion at a
times of the producer. It is its greatest aim to
the displeasure of all or any who would stoop to throw
an obstacle in his way, because, it realizes that for
his labor all blessings in the South flow.

There are large questions affecting the welfare
cotton-growing and all of its cognate industries which
shall command their attention, and chief among the
are matters relating to the package and handling
the crop when it is made and being prepared for
market. It will continue to combat the machinations
of those who are seeking by means of an aggregation
of capital to drive the small ginner to the wall and
enslave the cotton grower by compelling the adoption
of a certain kind of package owned by a monopoly.
It will continue to insist that the owners of a patent
press shall not collect tribute at their own sweet will
from the cotton growers of the country, and while
standing for improvement and progress in every line
of development it will caution the unwary again,
placing themselves and their product at the mercy
of any combination seeking to control the product of
the fields.

In a word, The Ginner is the "cotton square"
bale" against "the round bales," and in its pages
which will more than make the cotton grower the
bale people claim they will voteable patrons of the
press.

In connection with its publication The Ginner
established a Cotton Reporting Agency, for the
purpose of gathering, collating and disseminating in-
formation relating to cotton during every period of
development.

Located in the geographical centre of the
region, with every postal and telegraphic facility
hand for the gathering and disseminating of
with abundant capital for the purposes of the en-
prise, and a staff familiar with the work that is in
taken, The American Ginner and Cotton Report
Agency begins a work without metes and bounds
its capacity for usefulness, and we believe that it
be well done.

Commencing with the new year, The Ginner
peeks to widen out in its usefulness. Mr. Spink
recently made a trip through the different
States, and has determined (encouraged by the re-



C. M. Spinks

tion that he received), to establish two addi-
tional branches of his office, making one of them
Texas and the other in Georgia. The cities in
they are to be established are yet to be deter-
upon. These branch offices will each have
their own, printing all copies necessary to
scription list in a radius of several hundred
where they are located, from a list of which
seen that The American Ginner is not
sleeping, but "right in the swim, right
in to stay."

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Meridian, at the northern terminus, is known as the Queen City, and New Orleans, at the southern terminus, is known as the Crescent City. The Queen and Crescent Route, in the short line between these points, on a schedule of twenty-four hours in each direction, a distance of 830 miles.

The Alabama Great Southern railroad is operated under the management of the Southern Railway, and is kept up to the same high standard, as the Southern Railway's lines proper. Most of its track is laid with eighty and eighty-five-pound steel rail on heavy ties, and there is no road anywhere that is ballasted more firmly. The equipment is of a high standard, including motive power, coaches, sleeping cars and freight equipment. Some of the most powerful engines that have ever been constructed are running on this line, hauling its fast passenger trains. Its vestibuled passenger trains are not surpassed in beauty, comfort or safety by those on any line.

The local operating headquarters of the Alabama Great Southern Railroad are at Birmingham, Ala. C. A. Wickensham, Superintendent, C. E. Rickey, Assistant Superintendent, and William N. Cox, Train Master, all have offices at that point. The General headquarters are the same as those of the Southern Railway. L. Sevier, General Freight Agent, with headquarters at Birmingham, has charge of the freight business and is assisted by Mr. L. N. Kelso, Traveling Freight Agent, whose office is in Meridian.

C. A. Benscoter, Assistant General Passenger Agent, with headquarters at Chattanooga, has charge of the Passenger business and is assisted by Mr. M. Ellis, Traveling Passenger Agent, at Birmingham, while J. J. Gray is Depot Ticket Agent at Meridian.

The Queen and Crescent Route operates elegant trains from New Orleans, Shreveport, Vicksburg and Jackson, through Meridian, this also being one of the gateways from Texas and the Southwest to the East and North. The fast vestibuled train from New Orleans carries a through sleeper to New York and also one to Cincinnati, and the time made by this train is not excelled by any line in the South, stops made only at the most important points.

The Alabama Great Southern Railroad is energetic and progressive in endeavoring to bring settlers, manufacturers and farmers into territory adjacent to the line. Major F. Y. Anderson, in charge of headquarters at



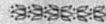
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efficient and powerful of the
great trunk lines of the
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The Company was
organized in 1884, and
has since that time
been steadily increasing
its operations. It now
owns and operates over
10,000 miles of track,
and has a fleet of more
than 10,000 cars and
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revenue is over \$100,000,000,
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The Southern Railway proper is managed in fourteen operating divisions, as follows: Washington Division, headquarters Charlottesville, Va.; Norfolk Division, headquarters Greensboro, N. C.; Charlotte Division, headquarters Charlotte, N. C.; Georgia Division, headquarters Atlanta, Ga.; Richmond Division, headquarters Richmond, Va.; Asheville Division, headquarters Asheville, N. C.; Columbia Division, headquarters Columbia, S. C.; Charleston Division, headquarters Charleston, S. C.; Knoxville Division, headquarters Knoxville, Tenn.; Jacksonville Division, headquarters Jacksonville, Fla.; Birmingham Division, headquarters Birmingham, Ala.; and Don't Know Division, headquarters Louisville, Ky.; and the Southern Railway, headquarters Memphis, Tenn.

THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY'S
HEADQUARTERS

The general headquarters of the T. D. C. pay system are in Washington, with the President's Office in New York City. The general offices are as follows: Samuel Spencer, President; A. B. Andrews, First Vice-President; W. W. Finley, Second Vice-President; F. S. Gannon, Third Vice-President and General Manager; A. H. Plant, Agent, New York; W. C. H. Culp, Chief Traffic Manager; W. C. Turk, General Passenger Agent; T. C. Powell, Assistant Freight Traffic Manager, with headquarters at Louisville, Ky., while Mr. E. A. Nell, is General Freight Agent, with headquarters at Washington.

The T. D. C. has four mainstrains, as follows: J. H. Drake, with headquarters at Richmond, Va.; R. L. McKellar with headquarters at Memphis, Tenn.; L. A. Emerson, with headquarters at Charleston, S. C., and Edwin T. Hays, with headquarters at Louisville, Ky.

The General Passenger Agents and assistants: S. H. Hardwell, Atlanta, Ga.; C. A. Benscoter, Chattanooga, Tenn., and William H. Taylor, Louisville, Ky.

F. G. Browder, Division Freight Agent at Savannah, has charge of the freight traffic on the Southern Railway in the Meridian District, while he is assisted at Meridian by Mr. J. I. Coleman as Freight Agent.

C. A. Benscoter, with headquarters at Chattanooga, Tenn., has charge of the passenger business on all of the lines west of Bristol, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga., including all the lines

Tennessee, North Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi; he is assisted at Birmingham by C. E. Jackson, Traveling Passenger Agent, with other Traveling and Soliciting Agents located at various points. Mr. J. J. Gray, Ticket Agent at Meridian, being in charge of passenger interests in that city.

The Southern Railway is the most progressive of transportation companies in the South, as evidenced by the number of fast and elegant trains that it operates: "The Washington and Southwestern Vestibuled Limited," carrying through sleeping cars between New Orleans and New York; is a solid train, carrying broad vestibuled platform sleeping cars, day coaches and dining cars between

of the Ohio River, and make a direct connection with trains to and from Meridian. "The United States Fast Mail" operates between New York, Washington and New Orleans, with connection to and from Meridian. The "Cincinnati and Florida Limited" operates between Cincinnati and Jacksonville, Fla. The Chattanooga and is a solid train, with handsome day coaches of the latest pattern, broad platform vestibules and smoking car. "The New York and Florida Limited" also operates during the winter season between New York and Florida, and is perhaps the handsomest train in the world. It has a day coach and smoking car, barber shop and bath room car, dining car, Pullman drawing room sleeping car, Pullman compartment sleeping car, observation car without charge, baggage car, and operates solid between New York, Jacksonville and St.

The "Washington and Chattanooga Limited via Lynchburg" is another through train, operated by the Alabama Great Southern railroad and Southern Railway. This train is run via Chattanooga, Southern Railway to Bristol, Norfolk and Western to Lynchburg, Southern Railway to Washington, and Pennsylvania railroad to New York. Through coaches are handled on this train New Orleans to Chattanooga via Meridian and Chattanooga to Washington, the sleeping cars being routed through to New York.

The Southern Railway has built up a magnificent freight service over all of its lines, enabling freight from the East to reach their Southern destinations on very fast schedules.

SCENERY.

Few railroads in the world, and certainly none in the Southern States, pass through such beautiful and picturesque scenery as does this great Southern system. At Chattanooga is world-famed Lookout Mountain, made so

account of its magnificent scenery and by the historic interest connected with it. The view from its lofty summit is one of exceptional grandeur and extent, embracing glimpses from seven States. Almost at your feet lies the City of Chattanooga, while the noble Tennessee traces its silvery and sinuous course through the fertile valley; forming what is known as "Moccasin Bend." In the distance can be seen Kaccoon Mountain and Walden Ridge, while farther and farther beyond mountains can be seen, until at last the distinctive forms are lost to view of the naked eye, and mountains and sky merge into one magnificent background to the entire panorama.

Harry M. Stanley, the African explorer and traveler, says: "The view

located on the summit of Mount
Mountain 2,800 feet above the sea
level, and 1,700 feet above the city of
Chattanooga, at its base. This beau-
tiful and modern structure, replete with
all the latest conveniences, is now open
for the summer season.

Through East Tennessee the Southern Railway passes some very pretty scenery, increasing in beauty every mile traversed, until that famous section of North Carolina is reached, which has poetically been termed the "Land of the Sky." There are many scenic regions on this continent that claim to be the "Switzerland of America," and indeed there are many sections that abound in beautiful scenery—Colorado and all the Rocky Mountain regions; New York, with its Adirondacks; the New England

contacts with California, the White Mountains and Pennsylvania, with its various ranges of beautiful mountains and fertile valleys also deserve recognition for their scenic beauty. But there is another region that rivals and perhaps surpasses all others, and that is the country of the Blue Ridge and the Smoky Mountains in the north-eastern part of North Carolina between the Blue Ridge on the east and Smoky Mountains on the west, more particularly in the immediate vicinity of Asheville, N. C. To one who has not visited the land spoken of, it is hard to believe that there is so little beauty and so few things to see here as others, including those who have seen the beauties of nature abroad, have made the same expression. It is not surprising, so many casual tourists, who have carelessly asserted that the "Land of the Sky" justly bears the name, that they have done so. It is far as scenic beauty goes, one can find no more noble ground on this continent.

Asheville is the centre of attraction in this beautiful mountain country, and thither all health and pleasure seekers go. Approaching Asheville from the west, the Southern Railway traverses for miles and miles, a territory rich

In views to delight the eye. The French Broad river winds its way through valley after valley, following it as closely as the railroad engineering allows, sometimes on the one side, and on the other, and crossing the stream on bridges of the most ingenious construction. From the observation scene is most inspiring. Every turn gives new vistas to please the eye. Mention of Asheville is completely without reference to the estate of George Vanderbilt, which the traveler will see when he enters the city of North Carolina. A complete description cannot be given, but the Asheville traveler should go to this princely enclosure, comprising 20,000

acres, grand by nature. Dan. Adams.

Such in brief are some of the delights to be found in the vicinity spoken of. To know them best one must visit them. Go at any season, and you will not return disappointed, whether you are seeking the recovery of health, or merely the passing of a few weeks' vacation.

TERMINAL FACILITIES

The Southern railway has magnificent and extensive terminal facilities at Brunswick, Ga., and Norfolk, Va., through which ports they have built up a large and growing export trade in pig iron, iron pipe, lumber and cotton, as well as cotton factory products, packing house products and cottonseed meal.

LAND AND INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT

The Southern Railway is, perhaps more progressive than any other line in the South in endeavoring to bring settlers, manufacturers and farmers into the territory adjacent to its lines. M. V. Richards, Land and Industrial Agent, Washington, D. C., has charge of this department.

During the past year the Southern Railway has issued a large edition of a book entitled "The Empire of the South," ninety-two pages, descriptive of the territory along the line of the Southern Railway, and of its natural resources. It takes up each State through which the Southern Railway passes, and describes fully every one of them, together with all of the cities. It is probably the best description of the South ever written, and a stranger could choose only one method of learning about this district, and it is better: than any other, by looking through the Southern States. This book is most handsomely printed, illustrated, and would be an ornament to any library. It was composed by one of the best writers in the

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